



Trump says Iran made 'big mistake' by taking down U.S. drone

By DEB RIECHMANN

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump declared Thursday that "Iran made a very big mistake" by shooting down a U.S. surveillance drone over the Strait of Hormuz but suggested it was a foolish error rather than an intentional escalation of the tensions that have led to rising fears of open military conflict. Asked about a U.S. response, the president said pointedly, "You'll soon find out."

The downing of the huge, unmanned aircraft, which Iran portrayed as a deliberate defense of its territory rather than a mistake, was a stark reminder of the risk of military conflict between U.S. and Iranian forces as the Trump administration combines a "maximum pressure" campaign of economic sanctions against Iran with a buildup of American forces in the region.

On Thursday, Iran called the sanctions "economic terrorism," insisted the drone had invaded its airspace and said it was taking its case to the United Nations in an ef-



President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the Oval Office of the White House, Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Washington.

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fort to prove the U.S. was lying about the aircraft being over international waters. It accused the U.S. of "a very dangerous and provoca-

tive act."

The drone — which has a wingspan wider than a Boeing 737 — entered Iranian airspace "despite re-

peated radio warnings" and was shot down by Iran, acting under the U.N. Charter which allows self-defense action "if an armed

attack occurs," Iran's U.N. Ambassador Majid Takht Ravanchi said in a letter to the U.N. secretary-general.

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Trump, who has said he wants to avoid war and negotiate with Iran over its nuclear ambitions, appeared to play down the significance of the shutdown. He cast it as "a new wrinkle ... a new fly in the ointment." Yet he also said that "this country will not stand for it, that I can tell you." Shortly before Trump spoke, Air Force Lt. Gen. Joseph Guastella, commander of U.S. Central Command air forces in the region, took a more pointed view of the shutdown in an area where Trump has blamed Iran for attacking shipping vessels.

"This attack is an attempt to disrupt our ability to monitor the area following recent threats to international shipping and free flow of commerce," he said. The Trump administration has been putting increasing economic pressure on Iran for more than a year. It reinstated punishing sanctions following Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of an international agreement intended to limit Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from earlier sanctions.

The other world powers who remain signed on to the nuclear deal have set a meeting to discuss the U.S. withdrawal and Iran's announced plans to increase its uranium stockpile for June 28, a date far enough in the future to perhaps allow tensions to cool. Citing Iranian threats, the U.S. recently sent an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf region and deployed additional troops alongside the tens of thousands already there. All this has raised fears that a miscalculation or further rise in tensions could push the U.S. and Iran into an open conflict 40 years after Tehran's Islamic Revolution.

"We do not have any intention for war with any country, but we are fully ready for war," Revolutionary Guard commander Gen. Hossein Salami said in a televised address. The paramilitary Guard, which answers only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said it shot down the drone at 4:05 a.m. Thursday when it entered Iranian airspace near the Kouhmobarak district in southern Iran's Hormozgan province. Kouhmobarak is about 1,200 kilometers (750



In this Oct. 24, 2018, photo released by the U.S. Air Force, members of the 7th Reconnaissance Squadron prepare to launch an RQ-4 Global Hawk at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy.

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miles) southeast of Tehran. The first U.S. reaction was Trump's Thursday morning tweet of six forceful words: "Iran made a very big mistake."

But later, while meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Trump said, "I would imagine it was a general or somebody that made a mistake in shooting that drone down."

He said the American drone was unarmed and unmanned and "clearly over international waters." It would have "made a big, big difference" if someone had been inside, he said. "I find it hard to believe it was intentional, if you want to know the truth," Trump said. "I think that it could have been somebody who was loose and stupid that did it."

Taking issue with the U.S. version of where the attack occurred, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeted that his country had retrieved sections of the military drone "in OUR territorial waters where it was shot down." He said, "We don't seek war but will zealously defend our skies, land & waters."

U.S. Gen. Guastella disputed that contention, telling reporters that the aircraft was 34 kilometers (21 miles) from the nearest Iranian territory and flying at high altitude when struck by a surface-to-air missile. The U.S. military has not commented on the mission of the remotely piloted air-

craft that can fly higher than 10 miles in altitude and stay in the air for over 24 hours at a time.

One U.S. official said there was a second American aircraft in the area that was able to get video and imagery of the drone when it was shot down.

Congressional leaders came to the White House for an hour-long briefing in the Situation Room late Thursday with top national security officials including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, CIA Director Gina Haspel, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan and Army Secretary Mark Esper, whom Trump has said he'll nominate as Pentagon chief.

The Senate's top Democrat called the downing of the American drone "deeply concerning" and accused the administration of not having an Iran strategy and keeping Congress and the rest of the nation in the dark.

"The president needs to explain to the American people why he's driving us toward another endless conflict in the Middle East," said Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she didn't think Trump wanted war with Iran and the American people have "no appetite" for it either. She said the U.S. needs to be "strong and strategic" about protecting

its interests but "cannot be reckless."

Talking tougher, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina called Iran a "murderous regime" and said, "If they're itching for a fight they're going to get one."

"We're a lot closer today than we were yesterday, and only God knows what tomorrow brings," said Graham, a Trump ally who talked with the president by telephone.

The senator also focused on the issue of Iran's nuclear ambitions, saying its leaders have refused to negotiate after Trump withdrew the U.S. from the international agreement to limit Iranian development of nuclear weapons.

Graham said it's imperative that the U.S. clearly tell the Iranians that any attempt to increase uranium enrichment will be seen as a "hostile act against the United States and our allies in Israel and will not go unanswered."

Another factor: This all comes as Trump is launching his re-election campaign. He ran for president promising to bring American troops home from the Middle East and Afghanistan and has repeatedly said he wants to keep America out of "endless wars." Ari Fleischer, who was press secretary for President George W. Bush, cautioned against thinking about politics when weighing any response to Iran. □

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Storms bring tornadoes, floods, power outages across the U.S.

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ATLANTA (AP) — Potent thunderstorms have been blamed for one death and left more than 200,000 people without power across the southern United States — and fierce winds were expected to wallop parts of several states as new storms form Thursday, forecasters said.

Fallen trees ripped down power lines and crashed into buildings along a line from Texas to Alabama overnight and into Thursday morning, the national Storm Prediction Center reported. A few isolated tornadoes were reported.

Straight-line winds of up to 85 mph (137 kph) damaged roofs Wednesday in the northeast Texas city of Greenville, the National Weather Service reported Thursday. Local officials had initially suspected a tornado. In Mississippi, Jackson Salter, 19, died when a tree fell on his

home Wednesday night, Washington County Coroner Methel Johnson told The Delta Democrat-Times. More than 70,000 homes and businesses were without power in Arkansas on Thursday, and more than 30,000 outages each were reported in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, where crews were working to remove toppled trees and clear blocked roads.

The storms were moving eastward, with more severe weather possible Thursday in Alabama and Georgia all the way up the Eastern Seaboard to Pennsylvania, forecasters said.

An area that includes North and South Carolina, eastern Georgia and southern Virginia will see an enhanced risk of wind damage from powerful Thursday afternoon storms, the Storm Prediction Center said. The region is home to 15.6 million people and includes Charlotte, North

Carolina.

Downburst winds — strong winds that descend from a thunderstorms and spread out when they hit the ground — appear to be the greatest threat in this area Thursday, said Dan Miller, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Columbia, South Carolina. Such winds hold the potential for serious damage, such as bringing trees and powerlines down and tearing into the shingles and siding on homes, he said.

"It's expected to all come together this afternoon and early evening," Miller said Thursday morning.

Severe thunderstorm watches Thursday afternoon covered large parts of Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Thursday afternoon will also bring the risk of some tornadoes and very large hail to flood-weary residents of the Missouri River Valley in



Chris Smith makes his way through floodwaters to the Macedonia Baptist Church in Westville, N.J., Thursday, June 20, 2019.

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the Midwest, forecasters said.

In Ohio, heavy rains led to landslides and flooded highways. The Riverbend Music Center along the Ohio River east of Cincinnati postponed a Thursday evening show that was to feature country star Brantley Gilbert. The venue cited heavy rainfall and the rising river.

Flooding already was causing travel problems, flood-

ing commuter train stations and forcing service to be suspended between Philadelphia and New Jersey. The Delaware River was overflowing its banks in places, and people were being rescued from high water.

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Appeals court allows Trump abortion rules to take effect

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

New Trump administration rules imposing additional hurdles for women seeking abortions can take effect while the government appeals decisions that blocked them, a federal appeals court said Thursday.

The rules ban taxpayer-funded clinics from making abortion referrals and prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers — a rule critics said would force many



In this Friday, April 5, 2019 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks with reporters before boarding Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House, in Washington.

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to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down.

More than 20 states and several civil rights and health organizations challenged the rules in cases filed in Oregon, Washington and California. Judges in all three states blocked the rules from taking effect, with Oregon and Washington courts issuing nationwide injunctions. One called the new policy "madness" and said it was motivated by "an arrogant assumption that the government is better suited to direct women's health care than their providers."

But a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco called the rules "reasonable" and said they accord with a federal law that prohibits taxpayer funds from going to "programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

"If the program refers patients to abortion providers for family planning services, then that program is logically one 'where abortion is a method of family planning,'" the panel wrote.

It granted the Justice Department a stay of the lower court injunctions, allowing the rules to take effect. A federal court in Maryland has also issued an order blocking the rules, but that only applied in that state. The Justice Department has appealed it.

"We are pleased that the Ninth Circuit has cleared the way for this important executive branch action to take effect while our appeals are pending," Justice

Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco said in an emailed statement. "The Department of Justice's position is supported by long-standing Supreme Court precedent and we are confident we will ultimately prevail on appeal."

The states and health care providers who challenged the law vowed to keep fighting. Planned Parenthood said it would immediately ask the 9th Circuit to reconsider the decision. The organization serves about 1.6 million of the 4 million low-income patients who receive health care through Title X, a 1970 law designed to improve access to family planning services. "The news out of the 9th Circuit this morning is devastating for the millions of people who rely on Title X health centers for cancer screenings, HIV tests, affordable birth control and other critical primary and preventive care," Dr. Leana Wen, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said in a statement. "Planned Parenthood will not let the government censor our doctors and nurses from informing patients where and how they can access health care."

Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of Title X or other taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Abortion opponents and religious conservatives say Title X has long been used to indirectly subsidize abortion providers. □

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NRA sues ex-president Oliver North, saying he harmed the NRA

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Rifle Association has sued its former president, Oliver North, for what it called "conduct harmful to the NRA" as turmoil that was exposed publicly when North resigned two months ago continued Thursday when the organization also turned against its longtime chief lobbyist.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in New York sought a

judge's declaration that the NRA isn't required to pay North's legal bills. North stepped down from the post in April after serving for a year. The lawsuit said he "departed office after a widely publicized, failed coup attempt."

The suit also accused top NRA official Chris W. Cox of conspiring with North to oust the organization's chief executive, Wayne LaPierre. The New York Times reported that the NRA has sus-

pended Cox, who said the allegations were "offensive and patently false."

A message left for North through his website wasn't immediately returned. An NRA spokesman did not return multiple messages.

Cox has been the executive director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, the NRA's political and lobbying arm, since 2002. Its website boasts that Cox has "achieved some of its most significant political



In this April 26, 2019 photo, National Rifle Association President Col. Oliver North speaks at the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action Leadership Forum at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

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24 kilos of drugs, 14 arrested in major drug ring takedown

BOSTON (AP) — Authorities arrested 14 people and seized more than 24 kilograms (53 pounds) of fentanyl, heroin and cocaine as a result of a two-year drug trafficking investigation, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said Thursday.

It's the biggest takedown of a major opioid trafficking operation in the history of her office, she said.

"To put this in context, the 24 kilos that we seized represents millions of dollars' worth of drugs," she said at a news conference. "More importantly, it represents hundreds of thousands of lethal doses of drugs that have kept from affecting communities in our state."

Twelve people between the ages of 24 and 52 were arrested and \$100,000 in cash and four guns were seized Wednesday during a series of raids in Lawrence and Methuen conducted by local, state and federal law enforcement. Two people had been ar-



Members of the media take images of guns, drugs and money on display at a press conference, Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Boston.

rested previously. The investigation was launched by special agents at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency office in Manchester, New Hampshire, who sought the source of drugs coming into that state.

The arrests will have a measurable impact on the opioid trade, said Jon DeLena, associate special agent in charge of the DEA's New England Field Division.

"We have witnessed the

destruction that the opioid epidemic has brought to our neighborhoods," he said. "Every time we take fentanyl off the streets it saves lives."

The ring sold drugs throughout the Northeast and was controlled in part by people living as far away as New Jersey, Healey said. Healey said the investigation used high-tech surveillance techniques as well as traditional law enforcement methods. □

and legislative victories." Yet, the lawsuit said, "another errant NRA fiduciary, Chris Cox — once thought by some to be a likely successor for Mr. LaPierre — participated" in North's conspiracy to enable the NRA's longtime advertising agency, Ackerman McQueen Inc., which employed North, to gain control of its largest client.

"As became widely publicized, Mr. LaPierre prevailed — and the attempted coup by Ackerman, spearheaded by North, failed," the lawsuit said.

"North has acted in the best interests of himself and Ackerman and at the expense of the interests of the NRA, engaged in conduct harmful to the NRA, and persistently failed to provide to the NRA important details related to his lucrative contract with Ackerman," the lawsuit said.

Jennifer Baker, a spokeswoman for NRA's lobbying

arm who was quoted by the Times saying that "any notion Chris participated in a coup is absurd," responded to a message seeking comment Thursday with an email saying she is not authorized to discuss personnel matters.

Last month, the NRA and Ackerman sued each other. The NRA said Ackerman had soiled its reputation and breached confidentiality agreements while Ackerman maintained the NRA had damaged its business. North, 75, was a military aide to the National Security Council in the 1980s when his role arranging the secret sale of weapons to Iran and the diversion of the proceeds to the anti-communist Control rebels in Nicaragua was revealed. In 1989, he was convicted of obstructing Congress during its investigation, destroying government documents and accepting an illegal gratuity. □

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Oregon gov. sends police after GOP senators who fled Capitol

By SARAH ZIMMERMAN and GILLIAN FLACCUS

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown deployed the state police Thursday to try to round up Republican lawmakers who fled the Capitol to block a vote on a landmark economy-wide climate plan that would be the second of its kind in the nation.

Minority Republicans want the cap-and-trade proposal, which is aimed at dramatically lowering the state's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, to be sent to voters instead of being instituted by lawmakers — but negotiations with Democrats collapsed, leading to the walkout, Kate Gillem, a spokeswoman for Senate Republicans said Thursday.

Brown had warned a day earlier that she was in "close communication with Oregon State Police" and "prepared to use all resources and tools available."

Oregon State Police can force any senators they track down in Oregon into a patrol car to return them to the Capitol.

"Send bachelors and come heavily armed," Sen. Brian Boquist, a Republican from Dallas, said late Wednesday as the prospect of a walkout loomed. "I'm not going to be a political prisoner in the state of Oregon. It's just that simple."

Boquist, who is reportedly in Idaho, did not respond to e-mails on Thursday after



In this Feb. 7, 2019, file photo, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown speaks to reporters in front of pictures of previous state governors in Salem, Ore. Gov.

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the Senate president publicly rebuked him for the remarks.

Gillem confirmed on Thursday that some members left the state to avoid a vote because state police don't have jurisdiction outside Oregon.

Democrats have an 18 to 12 majority in the chamber, but need 20 members present for a quorum.

This is the second time in this legislative session that minority GOP lawmakers have used a high-stakes walkout as a way to slow the process. Democrats have a rare supermajority

in the House and Senate, meaning their Republican colleagues don't have many ways to influence the debate on major policy bills that would affect their constituents.

Republicans walked out of the Senate last month to block a school funding tax package. The standoff lasted four days, until the governor struck a deal to table legislation on gun control and vaccine requirements. The tactic is rare, but has been used throughout history, sometimes creating comical scenes. Abraham Lincoln once leapt out of a window in an attempt to deny a quorum when he was a lawmaker in Illinois. In Washington three decades ago, U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Oregon) was carried feet first into the Senate chamber after Democrats ordered the arrest of Republican senators who were denying a quorum.

In 2003, Texas Democrats fled to neighboring Oklahoma to deny a quorum, holing up in a Holiday Inn to block a GOP redistricting bill. The Republican House speaker ordered state troopers to find the Democrats and have them arrested. The Democrats returned to Texas after the bill's deadline passed and it

was effectively killed.

On Thursday, Oregon's Senate president pleaded with Republicans to return.

"I beg and beseech my fellow legislators to come to the floor. I need you, the Legislature needs you, the people of Oregon need you to pass budgets to take care of our citizens," Senate President Peter Courtney said in an emotional plea on the Senate floor. "I cannot do it without you. We cannot do it without you." The walkout brings all Senate business to a halt with just over a week left in the legislative session. Senators still need to vote on the budget as well as legislation on affordable housing, paid family medical leave and an increased tobacco tax.

But the cap-and-trade legislation remains a sticking point.

Under the proposed bill, Oregon would put an overall limit on greenhouse gas emissions and auction off pollution "allowances" for each ton of carbon industries plan to emit. The legislation would lower that cap over time to encourage businesses to move away from fossil fuels: The state would reduce emissions to 45% below 1990 levels by 2035, and 80% below 1990

levels by 2050.

Those opposed to the cap-and-trade plan say it would exacerbate a growing divide between the liberal, urban parts of the state and the rural areas, which tend to be more conservative. The plan would increase the cost of fuel, damaging small business, truckers and the logging industry, which is already in freefall due to federal environmental protections, they say.

"Protesting cap and trade by walking out today represents our constituency and exactly how we should be doing our job," said Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr., of Grants Pass.

A small group of loggers gathered to protest outside the Capitol on Thursday.

Bridger Hasbrouck, a 32-year-old self-employed logger from Dallas, Oregon, said the bill if passed would be "devastating" to his business because he uses diesel fuel to power all his logging equipment.

"There's a whole lot involved but the biggest thing that's very crippling is the fact that these bills would impose regulations that would take trucks off the road that people are using to earn their living," he said. "The American dream of owning a small business, it starts to go away."

Democrats say the measure is an efficient way to lower emissions while investing in low-income and rural communities' ability to adapt to climate change. It has the support of environmental groups, farmworkers and some trade unions.

The proposal also contains a \$10 million investment to protect workers adversely affected by climate change policy, as some in transportation or manufacturing sector could face layoffs. The legislation provides unemployment benefits and pathways to clean energy jobs that, under the law, must provide competitive wages and benefits.

"Rural" here is not one voice," said Mimi Casteel, a farmer in rural Hopewell, Oregon. □

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Supreme Court upholds cross on public land in Maryland

By JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 40-foot-tall, World War I memorial cross can continue to stand on public land in Maryland, the Supreme Court ruled Thursday in an important decision about the use of religious symbols in American life.

The justices said preserving a long-standing religious monument is very different from allowing the building of a new one. And the court concluded that the nearly 100-year-old memorial's presence on a grassy highway median doesn't violate the Constitution's prohibition on the government favoring one religion over others. Seven of the court's nine justices sided with the cross' backers, a lineup that crossed ideological lines.

The case had been closely watched for its potential impact on other monuments. Defenders of the cross in Bladensburg, a suburb of the nation's capital, had argued that a ruling against them could doom hundreds of war memorials that use crosses to commemorate soldiers who died.

But the case was also seen as an indication of how far the court's conservative majority would be willing to go in approving of religious symbols in public life. In the end, a majority of the justices signed on to a relatively narrow ruling, declining to go as far as they had been urged to by some of the cross' defenders.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in a majority opinion for himself and four colleagues that "when time's passage imbues a religiously expressive monument, symbol or practice with this kind of familiarly and historical significance, removing it may no longer appear neutral." "A government that roams the land, tearing down monuments with religious symbolism and scrubbing away any reference to the divine will strike many as aggressively hostile to religion," Alito wrote

Alito also wrote that the Maryland cross' connection to World War I was important in upholding it because crosses, which marked the graves of American soldiers, became a symbol closely linked to the war.

Two of the court's liberal justices, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan, both of whom are Jewish, joined their conservative colleagues in ruling for the memorial, which on its base lists the names of 49 area residents who died in World War I.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Justice Sonia Sotomayor dissented, with Ginsburg writing that "the principal symbol of Christianity around the world should not loom over public thoroughfares, suggesting official recognition of that religion's paramountcy." Ginsburg read a summary of her dissent in court, a way of expressing deep disagreement. Ginsburg is the only other justice on the court who is Jewish. The others are Christian.

In all, seven justices wrote to explain their views in opinions that totaled some 80 pages, an indication of the depth of feeling the case provoked but also differences in the justices' positions.

The case began as a lawsuit by three people who live near the cross and the District of Columbia-based American Humanist Association, which includes atheists and agnostics. They argued that the memorial should be moved to private property or modified into a nonreligious monument such as a slab or obelisk.

Monica Miller, the lawyer who argued on behalf of the American Humanist Association at the Supreme Court, said after the decision was announced that while the organization was disappointed, the ruling is "very limited" and "could have been a lot worse." Two justices, Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas, said they would have thrown

out the lawsuit by the cross' challengers altogether. Gorsuch wrote that people offended by religious displays shouldn't be able to sue over them. Gorsuch wrote that in "a large and diverse country, offense can be easily found" and that the answer shouldn't be a lawsuit. He pointed out that many Washington buildings including the Supreme Court include religious symbols in their decoration.

The cross' defenders included the American Legion, which raised money to build the monument, Maryland officials who took over maintenance of the cross nearly 60 years ago and



In this Feb. 13, 2019 file photo, visitors walk around the 40-foot Maryland Peace Cross dedicated to World War I soldiers in Bladensburg, Md.

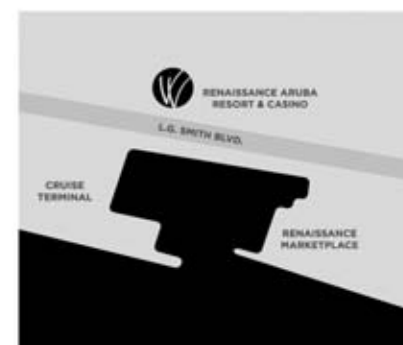
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the Trump administration. "The Court's decision today is a win for protecting religious freedom and American historical tradition," Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco said in a statement following the ruling. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, also praised the ruling in a state-

ment as a "great victory." In the past, similar monuments have met with a mixed fate at the high court. On the same day in 2005, for example, the court upheld a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas Capitol while striking down Ten Commandments displays in Kentucky courthouses. □



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Hunt pledges to put 'heart & soul' into Tory race

By **DANICA KIRKA**

LONDON (AP) — Ringing a bell seemed a safe photo opportunity for Jeremy Hunt as he sought to show London was ready to host a problem-free Olympic Games in 2012. But the bell broke apart, its base flying into a group of onlookers, just missing one of them.

"My goodness me!" Hunt said, leaping into the crowd to make sure everyone was OK before telling stunned journalists, "You got a little more TV there than you were expecting!"

Hunt, who is now vying to become leader of Britain's Conservative Party and the country's next prime minister, took it well — tweeting the video to his followers.

The gaffe turned into a viral smash, typifying what many consider Hunt's biggest strength: an ability to seem human when a camera is nearby. It's a skill desperately needed by the Conservatives, whose current leader, Prime Minister Theresa May, is known for being wooden and occasionally robotic, sticking to message even if it means



In this file photo dated Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Britain's Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt arrives for a Cabinet meeting in 10 Downing Street, London.

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repeating a single sentence over and over again. Hunt will need that ability to connect with voters if he is to win the leadership contest.

Hunt, 52, finished a distant second behind Boris Johnson in Thursday's vote of Conservative Party lawmakers, but his 77 votes,

to Johnson's 160, were enough to get to the final round. The two men will now face the party's 160,000 members, with pollsters forecasting Johnson is likely to win because of his uncompromising stance that Britain must leave the EU on Oct. 31.

Hunt, who backed the los-

ing "remain" side during the 2016 referendum on EU membership, has a more nuanced position on Brexit. He says he will negotiate a better withdrawal deal and lead the U.K. out of the bloc.

Just before the final, he pledged to put his put his "heart & soul" into giving

Johnson the contest of his life.

"In politics today," he said on Twitter, "the unexpected often happens."

Hunt has held a variety of Cabinet posts during his 14 years in Parliament and has been foreign secretary since Johnson resigned the post last July because of differences over Brexit. Regarded as well-versed in making the bureaucracy work, he managed to resolve a heated contract dispute with doctors in the National Health Service during his time as health secretary.

But despite his ability to get a message across, critics doubt he is flashy enough to excite the electorate.

A graduate of Oxford, Hunt was a businessman who co-founded Hotcourses, which produces guidebooks to help students looking to study abroad. The company was sold to Australia's IDP Education for 30 million pounds (\$37 billion) in 2017, making Hunt one of Britain's wealthiest politicians. He also set up a charity to help AIDS orphans in Africa. □

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EU leaders fail to agree on 2050 climate goal

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
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BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union leaders have failed to back a plan to make the bloc's economy carbon neutral by 2050 in spite of promises to fight harder against climate change. Ahead of a U.N. meeting in the fall, the proposal was relegated to a non-binding footnote in the final statement of Thursday's summit of EU leaders in Brussels. "For a large majority of Member States, climate neutrality must be achieved by 2050," the footnote read.

However, for the change in approach to become an official target, all 28 EU countries need to back the change.

According to several officials who spoke anonymously

as they were not authorized to speak publicly, 24 countries including Britain, France and Germany supported the initiative, but were held back by Poland and a few other nations which heavily depend on a fossil-fuel economy.

Environmental group Greenpeace said European leaders blew the chance to agree a deal and called on the EU to organize an emergency meeting before the U.N. summit in New York in September.

"This is a black day for climate protection in Europe," said Greenpeace spokesman Stefan Krug. "A small number of eastern European countries prevented Europe's impasse on climate protection from being broken." □



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UN adopts resolution spotlighting disabled in conflict

By EDITH M. LEDERER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The U.N. Security Council on Thursday unanimously adopted its first resolution putting a spotlight on the situation of people with disabilities caught in armed conflicts, urging protection and assistance for them.

The resolution was adopted about two months after the first-ever appearance before the council of a disabled person caught in conflict — 20-year-old Syrian refugee Nujeen Mustafa — who addressed members in late April from a wheelchair.

Mustafa said hundreds of thousands of people with disabilities already "were forgotten in times of peace" and were struggling to survive in Syria's long war where they "re-



In this March 31, 2019, photo, laundry dries on a chain-link fence at Al-Hol camp, in the section where foreign families from Islamic State-held areas are housed, Hassakeh province, Syria.

Associated Press

main invisible." She urged the council not to forget the disabled and "to count

us, because we count, too" — and she called for action, not words.

The resolution, sponsored by Poland and Britain, expresses serious concern at

"the disproportionate impact that armed conflict has on persons with disabilities, including abandonment, violence, and lack of access to basic services."

It urges all parties in armed conflicts to protect the disabled and other civilians and prevent violence and abuse against them. And it stresses the importance of providing timely and accessible assistance "including reintegration, rehabilitation and psychosocial support, to ensure that their specific needs are effectively addressed."

Poland's U.N. Ambassador Joanna Wronecka said her country was "proud" to bring the "important yet overlooked issue" of disabled people in conflict before the Security Council "for the first time." □

Police fire tear gas as thousands in Malawi protest election

By GREGORY GONDWE

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP) —

Police in Malawi fired tear gas at some protesters on Thursday as thousands demonstrated in major cities over last month's disputed election.

The confrontation in Blantyre occurred as some protesters tore down and burned billboards showing President Peter Mutharika, who narrowly won a second term.

The protesters in this southern African nation have demanded the resignation of Malawi Electoral Commission chairwoman Jane Ansah. A Human Rights Defenders Coalition state-

ment alleged that the commission did not properly deal with more than 140 election-related complaints, and it accused Ansah of a "scandalous approach and stubborn attitude" in managing voters' concerns.

Opposition leaders Lazarus Chakwera and Saulos Chilima, who finished second and third in the election, respectively, joined the protesters in the capital, Lilongwe. Both are challenging the election results in court, alleging irregularities. Also present was former Chief Justice Richard Banda, the husband of former President Joyce Banda.

The protesters in Lilongwe delivered a petition listing grievances to the president's office.

A police statement later noted "sporadic incidences of violence" but did not mention arrests.

On Wednesday, protesters in Lilongwe scuffled with police as they blocked the road the 78-year-old Mutharika was meant to travel to speak to parliament, forcing his motorcade to use a different route.

The president in response to the weeks of unrest has urged unity and calm while accusing the opposition of "mobilizing illegal demonstrations" and trying



A protester carries a placard calling for the ouster of Malawi Electoral Commission chairwoman, Jane Ansah, during a protest in Lilongwe, Malawi Thursday June 20, 2019.

Associated Press

to cause chaos after the peaceful election. Police later told The Associated

Press they had not been aware the ambassador was there. □

Iran shoots down US surveillance drone, heightening tensions

By **NASSER KARIMI**

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's Revolutionary Guard shot down a U.S. surveillance drone Thursday in the Strait of Hormuz, marking the first time the Islamic Republic directly attacked the American military amid tensions over Tehran's unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.

The two countries disputed the circumstances leading up to an Iranian surface-to-air missile bringing down the U.S. Navy RQ-4A Global Hawk, an unmanned aircraft with a wingspan larger than a Boeing 737 jetliner and costing over \$100 million.

Iran said the drone "violated" its territorial airspace, while the U.S. called the missile fire "an unprovoked attack" in international airspace over the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf and President Donald Trump tweeted that "Iran made a very big mistake!" Trump later appeared to play down the incident, telling reporters in the Oval Office that he had a feeling that "a general or somebody" being "loose and stupid" made a mistake in shooting down the drone. The incident immediately heightened the crisis already gripping the wider region, which is rooted in Trump withdrawing the U.S. a year ago from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal and imposing crippling new sanctions on Tehran. Recently, Iran quadrupled its production of low-enriched uranium to be on pace to break one of the deal's terms by next week while threatening to raise enrichment closer to weapons-grade levels on July 7 if Europe doesn't offer it a new deal.

Citing unspecified Iranian threats, the U.S. has sent an aircraft carrier to the Middle East and deployed additional troops alongside the tens of thousands already there. All this has raised fears that a miscalculation or further rise in tensions could push the U.S. and Iran into an open conflict 40 years after Tehran's



In this Oct. 24, 2018, photo released by the U.S. Air Force, members of the 7th Reconnaissance Squadron prepare to launch an RQ-4 Global Hawk at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy.

Associated Press

Islamic Revolution.

"We do not have any intention for war with any country, but we are fully ready for war," Revolutionary Guard commander Gen. Hossein Salami said in a televised address.

The paramilitary Guard, which answers only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said it shot down the drone at 4:05 a.m. Thursday when it entered Iranian airspace near the Kouhmobarak district in southern Iran's Hormozgan province. Kouhmobarak is about 1,200 kilometers (750 miles) southeast of Tehran. The drone took off from the southern Persian Gulf and collected data from Iranian territory, including the southern port of Chahbahar near Iran's border with Pakistan, the Guard said in comments that appeared aimed at showing it could track the aircraft.

The U.S. military has not commented on the mission of the remotely piloted aircraft that can fly higher than 10 miles in altitude and stay in the air for over 24 hours at a time.

Iran used its air defense system known as Third of Khordad to shoot down the drone — a truck-based missile system that can fire

up to 18 miles (30 kilometers) into the sky, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

Iranian state TV later broadcast video it described as the moment the Guard launched the surface-to-air missile that struck the U.S. drone. Chants of "God is great!" could be heard as a fireball appeared in the darkened sky.

Typically, militaries worldwide call out to errant aircraft entering their airspace before firing. It's unclear whether Iran gave any warning before opening fire. The U.S. military says Iran fired on and missed another drone last week near the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of all global oil moves. The U.S. has been worried about international shipping through the strategic waterway since tankers were damaged in May and June in what Washington has blamed on limpet mines from Iran, although Tehran denied involvement. On Wednesday in the United Arab Emirates, the U.S. Navy showed fragments of mines that it said bore "a striking resemblance" to those seen in Iran

The RQ-4 Global Hawk was at least 34 kilometers from Iranian territory when it was shot down by an Iranian surface-to-air missile, said Air Force Lt. Gen. Joseph Guastella, commander of the U.S. Central Command. He said it was an attempt to disrupt U.S. efforts to monitor the Persian Gulf region. But Salami, speaking to a crowd in the western city of Sanandaj, described the American drone as "violating our national security border."

"Borders are our red line," the Revolutionary Guard general said. "Any enemy that violates the borders will be annihilated."

Iran's Foreign Ministry also said the drone entered Iranian airspace, and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeted it would take its case to the U.N. He later tweeted that Iran retrieved parts of the drone in its territorial waters.

Russian President Vladimir Putin urged caution, warning any war between Iran and the U.S. would be a "catastrophe for the region as a minimum."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged support for U.S. efforts to halt what he called escalating Iranian provocations.

"In the last 24 hours, Iran has intensified its aggression against the United States and against all of us," he said.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed concern and urged all parties to "avoid any action that could inflame the situation," said U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

America stations some RQ-4 Global Hawks at the Al-Dhafra Air Base in the UAE, near the capital of Abu Dhabi. Associated Press journalists saw the drones on the base's tarmac during a March 2016 visit by then-Vice President Joe Biden. The U.S. military occasionally publishes images from there of the drones, which have a distinctive hump-shaped front and an engine atop the fuselage.

Iran has claimed to have shot down U.S. drones before. In the most famous incident, in December 2011, Iran seized an RQ-170 Sentinel flown by the CIA to monitor Iranian nuclear sites after it entered Iranian airspace from neighboring Afghanistan. Iran later reverse-engineered the drone to create their own variants.

Elsewhere in the region Thursday, Saudi Arabia said Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels fired a rocket at a desalination plant in al-Shuqaiq, a city in the kingdom's Jizan province. The state-run Saudi Press Agency quoted military spokesman Col. Turki al-Maliki as saying it caused no damage or casualties.

The Yemeni rebel Al-Masirah satellite news channel earlier said the Houthis targeted a power plant in Jizan, near the kingdom's border with Yemen, with a cruise missile.

A coalition led by Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally, has been battling the Houthis since March 2015 in Yemen, the Arab world's poorest nation now pushed to the brink of famine by the conflict. In recent weeks, the Houthis have launched a new campaign sending missiles and bomb-laden drones into Saudi Arabia. □

No Hong Kong response as activists' deadline passes

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — A deadline imposed by activist groups for Hong Kong's government to scrap highly unpopular extradition bills and accept other demands passed Thursday without an official response.

The groups have said they will call on supporters to surround government headquarters if their demands aren't met, continuing demonstrations in which hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets in the past weeks.

The number of protesters outside the Legislative Council, which had dwindled since a massive march last Sunday, began picking up again Thursday afternoon. With no response from the government, protests were slated to begin Friday morning and many people appeared prepared to spend the night at the central government complex.

The government announced that the complex would be closed Friday "due to security considerations."



Various of activist groups from parents and religious hold placards outside the government office demanding that stop shooting their kids in Hong Kong, Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Associated Press

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam has apologized for her handling of the extradition bill, which could be used to send suspects to mainland China for trial. But she has stopped short of scrapping the legislation, which critics say threatens the territory's judicial independence, prompting the largest and angriest

protests in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory in years.

Other demands by activist groups include investigating police tactics used against the protesters, cease calling the protests a riot, and releasing those arrested and dropping charges against them. Many have also called on

Lam to resign, including Joshua Wong, the student leader of the 2014 "Umbrella Movement" pro-democracy protests.

Another group, the Civil Human Rights Front, which organized marches on the past two Sundays, has called for another protest on July 1, the anniversary of Hong Kong's handover

from British to Chinese rule in 1997.

No one group or personality has emerged to lead the protest movement, which taps into deep resentment among the young and middle class over the dominance of a moneyed elite over Hong Kong's economy and political institutions. Instead, a broad coalition of trade unions, church groups, political parties, civic groups and veteran activists has mobilized their members, galvanized further by what was widely seen as heavy-handed police tactics.

Following last Wednesday's violence, police adopted a more relaxed approach, hoping to avoid a replay of the events of September 2014, when officers unleashed 87 rounds of tear gas at protesters who had amassed in the same location as the current protests. They temporarily forced the protesters off the roads they had occupied, but after the smoke dissipated, bigger crowds returned, angrier than before, and didn't leave for nearly three months. □

Malaysia: 'No proof' of Russian involvement in MH17 downing

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Thursday rejected the implication that Russia may have been involved in the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over Ukraine, after international prosecutors charged with murder four men — three of them Russians with military or intelligence backgrounds — in the 2014 missile attack that killed all 298 people aboard.

Mahathir said he doesn't think the findings of the international investigative team "is true at all" as it was based on hearsay.

"We are very unhappy because from the very beginning, it became a political issue on how to accuse



In this Thursday, July 17, 2014 file photo, a man walks amongst the debris at the crash site of a passenger plane near the village of Hrabove, Ukraine.

Associated Press

Russia of the wrongdoing," he told reporters. "Even before they examine (the debris), they already say Russia. So it is very difficult for us to accept that."

In announcing the charges Wednesday, prosecutors

appealed for witnesses to help lead them even further up the chain of command in President Vladimir Putin's Russia. Only hearsay," Mahathir said. "I hope everybody will go for the truth." □



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Mexico, El Salvador presidents to meet on immigration

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP) — The Mexican and Salvadoran presidents were meeting in Mexico on Thursday to discuss a development plan that aims to slow a surge of mostly Central American migrants toward the U.S. border.

The meeting came amid tough U.S. pressure on President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to do more to curb irregular immigration through Mexican territory. His government has recently begun deploying some 6,000 National Guard agents to stem the influx and believes that creating more opportunities in Central America is key to avoiding more migration.

But at least some migrants were skeptical despite "This is very good for them to offer jobs" to migrants, said Carlos Vindel a 24-year-old driver from El Salvador who was waiting to request asylum in the southern Mexican city of Tapachula. "But if the violence doesn't end it won't work."



A Haitian woman carries her daughter as she waits outside the Mexican Commission for Migrant Assistance office, to get the documents needed that allow them to stay in Mexico, in Tapachula, early Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Associated Press

Vindel, traveling with two adults and two minors, crossed the border a day later than expected because he saw five uniformed agents on the

banks of the Suchiate River at Talisman, across from Guatemala. The group had to turn around and wait for the agents to leave, and ended up crossing the bor-

der on Tuesday.

"Even if there are (development) projects, people are going to keep leaving," said Vindel, who fled El Salvador after gangs tried to recruit

him. Saying no to the likes of the notorious MS-13 and 18th Street gangs is often a death sentence.

El Salvador President Nayib Bukele took office June 1 and shares López Obrador's view on the need to create opportunities in Central America. As in the neighboring countries of Guatemala and Honduras, thousands of Salvadorans have left the country in recent months to flee poverty and violence.

Bukele has promised a crackdown on gangs in his country following a spate of police and military killings, and on Thursday officers and soldiers began a deployment in commercial areas of the Salvadoran capital's historic center and 11 other municipalities with a gang presence. Some 80% of gangs' revenues are said to come from extortion, and Justice Minister Rogelio Rivas said the offensive seeks to strangle financially "the terrorist groups." □

Trust in single power line played role in Argentine outage

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Overconfidence in the capacity of a single transmission line may have played a role in a massive power outage that left Argentina and parts of Uruguay and Paraguay in the dark three days ago, experts said Wednesday.

Argentina's government said the origin of the blackout was in northeast Argentina and hope to provide a detailed explanation of what caused the outage in about 12 days.

What is known is that just after 7 a.m. Sunday, a first failure occurred on a stretch of transmission line known as Colonia Elia Y Mercedes, which was successfully isolated. Seconds later the anomaly repeated itself in the Colonia Elia-Belgrano stretch in the city of Campana. This was not isolated and ended up shutting down the entire grid and leaving tens of millions of people across three countries without power.

The line ran parallel to and



A technician works to continue dismantling Tower 412 and replace it with a new tower, in the Litoral corredor near the town of Zarate, on the border of Buenos Aires and Entre Rios provinces, Argentina, Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Associated Press

replaced one that had been out of service since April while a high-voltage transmission tower was being repaired. A bypass was installed to keep the system functioning while the repairs were carried out. Electricity from the Yacyretá and Salto Grande

hydroelectric plants flowed through the working line.

"It seems to me that perhaps it was a bit imprudent to put so much energy from those two plants on a single line with no back-up or the possibility that if it failed you could count on something else," former Energy Secre-

tary Emilio Apud told The Associated Press.

Apud said investigators should look into whether the bypass was well constructed and the failure of the protection systems that put out of service all the plants that had been working.

Raúl Bertero, president of Argentina's Center for the Study of Energy Regulation, said the operator knew the line was out of service or in "precarious" service and should have operated the system "in such a way that if something happened on the parallel line, the system was not unbalanced beyond the possibility of controlling it."

A representative of the High-Voltage Electric Power Transmission Company, who was not authorized to speak to the press and asked to not be identified, said authorities are trying to "thoroughly investigate a technical failure" and that the company will not say anything more until the investigation is completed.

The huge blackout raised serious questions about the vulnerability of the power grid in South America and brought criticism down on Argentina's leader. President Mauricio Macri has promised a thorough investigation into the outage. □

LOCAL



Traveling with Picky Eaters

By Cindy Herde

MIAMI — It's summer and that means travel plans that have been months in the making are ready to launch. As a parent of two kids under five, I know firsthand the stress that comes along with mealtimes while traveling with little ones. This can be especially tricky when you have picky eaters.

So we've put together some helpful tips on how to help you and your young food critics when traveling. Follow these recommendations to ease the stress and manage the inevitable meltdowns that will come with mealtimes while on vacation.

1. Prep your child before you travel. If you're planning on going somewhere with a specific type of cuisine, read books, look at videos, cook dinners or try a similar restaurant before you leave for your trip. This will prepare your child and decrease any food-related anxieties that

he/she might encounter. Books like "I Can Eat That" and "What's Cooking" by Joshua D. Stein can be great conversation starters for you and your children about food.

2. Do some research on what's available for you and your children to enjoy. Plus, being around other kids who are curious about trying new foods might just be what your child needs. For example:

– Nibble + Squeak is a website dedicated to hosting dinners for parents with little ones. They pair up with restaurants to host private events that allow families with kids to relax and enjoy a meal, in a welcoming and worry-free environment. They have hosted events all over the US as well as London and Hong Kong. – If you're heading to a resort type of destination, check to see if they offer family cooking classes and/or kids' classes. Resort chains like The Four Seasons and Marriott have options at different locations

around the globe. You just have to check their websites or give your concierge a call.

3. Make mealtimes a family activity and practice what you preach. Have the whole family try new foods together. Refrain from using words like 'yucky' and 'eww' to describe foods. Instead, talk about how foods look like, feel, or what they remind you of. Involve the whole family and make it fun. Be food detectives together!

4. Look for opportunities for hands-on activities

with food. While vacationing in Koh Samui, my husband and I had the best time learning how to make authentic Thai food. The cooking class also included a guided trip to the local market. This is perfect for kids who need a little push getting out of their comfort zone to experience some sensory play with food. So, roll up your sleeves, cook and explore new foods together.

5. NO skipping meals. Schedules might be hectic, especially on travel days, but just like we need to re-

spect nap times, we should do the same with meal times. When uncertain of when and where you'll be able to eat, carry preferred snacks and drinks. Often times, having your child's preferred crackers or even just their favorite cup will make on-the-go mealtimes much more comfortable.

6. Do not, I repeat, do NOT revolve your family's vacation meals around your picky eater's preference.

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I never recommend this practice as a daily routine, so I definitely don't advise doing so when traveling. Instead, you could rotate and allow each family member one day when they get to decide where or what type of food they want to eat. This way, everyone gets a turn.

7. Don't bribe or negotiate. It's a slippery slope once you start offering tit for tat around meal-times. Instead, offer choices and go for smaller portions (appetizers or kid's menu). The ability to make choices offers your child some sense of control in an unfamiliar environment. Smaller portions offer a better opportunity for success with finishing a meal.

8. Meltdowns will happen and it's going to be OK. With my firstborn, I used to dread public tantrums. Then one day, while on a weekend getaway, I came across a blogger who wrote about the train analogy in relation to meltdowns. Curious and intrigued, I read the whole article. Little did I know the next day I would be putting it to the test. It was breakfast time and we were seated on the restaurant's patio. For some reason, my son did not want to sit down to eat. The chair was lava to him. Well, no better time than the present to put this train analogy method into practice. So I sent my husband off to grab his food and I sat there drinking my coffee, while my son had a category 5 meltdown in front of everyone. To my surprise (and relief) it only lasted about 10 minutes. After he finally calmed down, I picked him up and we were able to regroup and join



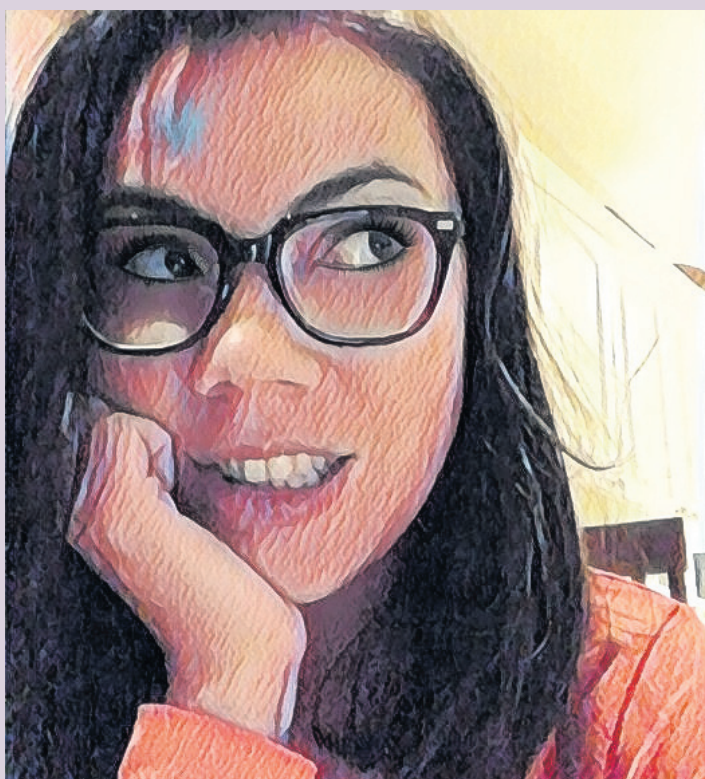
the breakfast festivities while seated peacefully in the high chair. The analogy says that emotions are tunnels and we are trains going through them. We NEED to keep moving all the way through to the other side. However, as parents, we often want to stop the meltdown train before it has reached the other side of the tunnel. We want our kids to calm down as quickly as possible. But they can't until they reach the other side. So, order a glass of your favorite wine

and enjoy the train rides. <https://pickanytwo.net/the-train-analogy-that-will-change-how-you-see-your-crying-child/>

9. As a rule of thumb, make sure your kids get at least one good healthy meal a day and offer lots of liquids throughout. Do not fret over making sure your children eat three big meals each day. This will only cause unnecessary stress for both you and your kids.

10. Make it exciting and don't stick to only sit-down meals. Travel-

ing should be a chance for our senses to explore new sights, sounds, smells and tastes. So use every opportunity to indulge in some taste of local favorite bites. Street eateries, farmers' markets, and fairs are all low key places (kids can be noisy and move around) that offer great food options. And since these places are informal, you and your family can relax while enjoying your meal, instead of constantly having to worry about everyone sitting quietly in their chairs. □



ABOUT CINDY HERDE

I was born and raised in Aruba, which fostered my fluency in four languages and my passion for the language arts. After graduating with my master's degree from the University of Central Florida – GO KNIGHTS! – I had the opportunity to move around the country and work in Orlando, Boston, and Chicago, before settling in sunny Miami with my husband and 2 kids. At each of these career stops I was fortunate to be part of extensive pediatric medical teams, working closely with and learning from fellow speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists, lactation consultants, pediatricians, gastroenterologists, neurologists, early developmental specialists, respiratory therapists, behavior analysts, nurses, special education teachers and of course, parents and caregivers. Throughout my career I've enjoyed being an advocate for families whose primary language is not English, and treasured the opportunities that I've had to help these and multiple other families along their feeding journey.

However, becoming a parent in the spring of 2015 completely transformed my career perspective and approach. I now understand the anxieties and concerns that come with parenthood, and it has allowed me to become a different type of clinician... one who's more empathetic and focused on educating families and providers. Spurred by this new found passion, and armed with 14 years of pediatric field experience, I've decided to venture into a new approach to therapy.

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in April 2019, resulting from increases in both net foreign assets (+Afl. 43.5 million) and net domestic assets (+Afl. 12.3 million).

The growth in the net foreign assets of the banking sector resulted from net purchases of foreign ex-

change from the public (+Afl. 228.8 million), mainly associated with foreign exchange revenue from tourism exports.

(CPI) for April 2019 noted a 4.7 percent increase year-over-year (YOY). The main contributors to this rise were the components "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages", "Transport" and "Communication". Furthermore, by excluding the effect of food and energy, the core CPI grew by 3.0 percent (YOY). The 12-month average inflation rate was 4.3 percent in April 2019, compared to 4.1 percent in March 2019.

This was largely offset by net sales of foreign exchange to the public (-Afl. 185.3 million), mostly related to payments for goods, net transfers to foreign accounts and other services.

The upsurge in the domestic component of the money supply was caused by increases in non-credit related balance sheet items (+Afl. 11.4 million) and domestic credit (+Afl. 0.9 million).

The increase in domestic credit resulted from an expansion in the net claims of the banking sector on the public sector (+Afl. 8.0 million), which was almost entirely offset by a decrease in the claims of the banking sector on the private sector (-Afl. 7.1 million).

The upturn in net claims of the banking sector on the public sector resulted from a decline in government deposits of Afl. 8.1 million. The drop in the claims of the banking sector on the private sector was attributed to decreases in loans to enterprises (-Afl. 8.9 million) and consumer credit (-Afl. 3.9 million), and a growth in housing mortgages (+Afl. 5.2 million).

Inflation

The consumer price index

Government

Total government revenue amounted to Afl. 87.9 million in April 2019, Afl. 4.4 million more than the same month of the previous year. This outcome resulted from a rise in tax revenue (+Afl. 8.5 million), which was partially mitigated by a reduction in nontax revenue (-Afl. 4.2 million).

The expansion in tax revenue resulted mainly from a growth in turnover tax (+Afl. 9.5 million; introduction of the B.A.V.P as opposed to the same month in 2018), income tax (+Afl. 3.2 million) and transfer tax (+Afl. 2.3 million). These increases were mostly offset by decreases in wage tax (-Afl. 3.3 million), foreign exchange tax (-Afl. 3.0 million) and profit tax (-Afl. 1.9 million).

Tourism

Please note that figures on tourism were not yet available at the time of publication of this bulletin.

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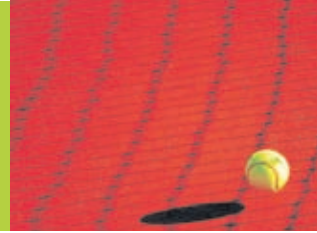
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United States' Tobin Heath, left, celebrates with her teammate Kelley O'Hara after scoring her team's second goal during the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match between Sweden and the United States at Stade Ocane, in Le Havre, France, Thursday, June 20, 2019.

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U.S. dominates rival Sweden 2-0 to remain undefeated

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

LE HAVRE, France (AP) —

The United States is showing just how fiercely it is prepared to defend its Women's World Cup title.

The Americans faced their toughest test of the tournament on Thursday night and dominated in a 2-0 victory over Sweden, the rivals that stunned them in the last Olympics.

The U.S. went undefeated in the group stage, posting wins against Thailand and Chile before beating the Swedes, all without conceding a goal. It is the first time the Americans have shut out all their group opponents in the World Cup. They also scored a group-stage record 18 goals.

"We come here, we want to win, all the time," goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher said.

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Hyo Joo Kim, of South Korea, lines up a putt on the ninth green during the first round of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship golf tournament, Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Chaska, Minn.

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Kim takes early lead ahead of the wind and rain at Hazeltine

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Hyo Joo Kim set small goals to help her on the long course of Hazeltine National at the Women's PGA Championship.

Her target was hitting 12 greens and taking no more than 30 putts Thursday in the opening round, and Kim didn't realize she hit both of them. More important was she dropped only one shot before the wind and rain arrived, posting a 3-under 69 for a one-shot lead among the early starters.

"The course played really long today," Kim said. "It just kept feeling like I just wanted to play even par, and that's kind of what was in my mind."

Michelle Wie left wondering about her future. She returned to competition for the first time in two months, was rubbing ice on her right wrist and shot 84, matching her highest score as a pro. Wie said she loved being back, but began crying when she said, "I'm not entirely sure how much I have left in me."

Only seven players from the early draw managed to break par, a group that included Ariya Jutanugarn, one of the longest hitters on the LPGA Tour. Hazeltine played at 6,831 yards



Michelle Wie walks across the 18th green after missing a putt during the first round of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship golf tournament, Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Chaska, Minn.

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— just 244 yards shorter than the card at Pebble Beach for the U.S. Open last week — and it felt even longer when dark clouds on the horizon brought strong wind, cool temperatures and a steady rain that soaked the course.

It was long enough for Jutanugarn to hit driver — twice. The Thai typically doesn't even carry a driver because she has so much power she is just as effective with either a 3-wood or a 2-iron.

"I hit my driver twice today — pretty good," Jutanugarn said with a proud smile before adding, "Made bogey."

That was on the par-5 11th hole. She also hit her driver on the par-5 15th into the right rough, leaving her 260 yards away. She laid up and made birdie the conventional way, and relied on a 3-wood and a 4-iron to set up birdie on the 528-yard seventh hole with water guarding the front of the green.

Annie Park joined Jutanugarn at 70, while the group at 71 included major champions Lydia Ko and So Yeon Ryu.

Lexi Thompson, another big hitter, hit 3-wood just through the green on the 543-yard 15th to set up birdie. Coming off a victory two weeks ago, Thompson dropped a shot on the par-5 third hole and played the front nine — her second nine — in 1 over for a 72.

She was stunned by seeing Jutanugarn with a driver.

"I didn't even realize it until she actually hit," Thompson said. "That's a first."

Thompson thought Hazeltine was the longest on the LPGA Tour, at least for majors. Mission Hills for the ANA Inspiration played 6,763 on the card in the desert air of California. Thompson figured the course would be shorter than where the tees were for practice rounds.

"They kept it pretty long," Thompson said. "They didn't move anything, especially the one long par 3." That would be No. 13, which measured 195 yards, and had Thompson reaching for a 4-iron.

The morning wave figured to have the easier time of Hazeltine, but it became tougher in the afternoon with a quick shift in the weather. A blue sky and moderate breeze soon gave way to wind and rain about the time Kim, Jutanugarn and Thompson were finishing.

"I was wearing my sunglasses and I wondered if it was the sunglasses that were dark," Ko said. "No, it's dark. The wind was really blowing and at one point, when you're hitting straight into the wind, I think I hit one of my drives 200 yards because I didn't hit it very well and it went straight up." □

Trump says Roger Penske to get Presidential Medal of Freedom

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says he's awarding a Presidential Medal of Freedom to Roger Penske, one of the most powerful men in American motorsports.

"He's very deserving. He's a great gentleman," Trump said as he made the announcement Thursday at the White House. "I've known him a long time, and a very brilliant guy."

Trump said he spoke with Penske on Thursday to inform him and that Penske is "very thrilled" to be receiving the nation's highest commendation for a civilian.

Penske celebrated his record 18th victory as a car



In this Monday, June 10, 2019, file photo, President Donald Trump shakes hands with racing team owner Roger Penske, left, as driver Simon Pagenaud watches on the South Lawn at the White House in Washington, as the president honored Team Penske for winning the 2019 Indianapolis 500 auto race.

owner at the Indianapolis 500 in May with driver Si-

mon Pagenaud, a feat that earned Penske his second

trip to the White House this year. Penske had visited in April as Trump celebrated Joey Logano's NASCAR championship. Penske, 82, is a fixture in the Detroit automotive scene and is one of America's most successful businessmen.

Trump made the announcement the day after he presented the medal to economist Arthur Laffer, whose disputed theories on tax cuts have guided Republican policy since the 1980s. Trump has previously awarded the medal to sports figures, honoring golf champion Tiger Woods last month and posthumously citing baseball legend Babe Ruth last year.

Penske called it "an honor"

to be recognized.

"I am humbled by the president's acknowledgment of our achievements in business, in motorsports and in our community. Thank you to President Trump for this special recognition," Penske said in a statement.

Trump did not say when Penske's ceremony will be held.

When Pagenaud won the Indy 500 on May 26, Trump called Penske in the victory lane from Japan, where the president was in the midst of a four-day state visit. Trump also tweeted congratulations to Penske and said he had watched the race despite the early morning hour in Tokyo. q

6-way tie for first-round lead at Travelers Championship

By PAT EATON-ROBB
AP Sports Writer

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Zack Sucher made a 9-foot birdie putt in the last group of the day on the par-4 18th for a 6-under 64 and a share of a six-way tie for the lead Thursday in the Travelers Championship.

Ryan Armour and Bronson Burgoon set the mark during the morning at TPC River Highlands and the others matched them in the afternoon. MacKenzie Hughes sank an 18-foot birdie putt on his final hole, Abraham Ancer shot a 30 on his back nine, and Kyoung-Hoon Lee shot his lowest round on the PGA Tour.

Burgoon birdied four of his first six holes, and Armour, who has missed the cuts in four of his last five starts, tied his lowest round of the season.

"I gave myself a lot of opportunities, which I hadn't been doing lately, Armour said. "I hadn't been hitting a lot of greens, wasn't shaping the golf ball the way I want to shape it. We worked really hard the last few days."

Paul Casey, who gave up a four-shot lead in the final round a year ago, missed a 17-foot par putt on the 18th and finished in a group of six at 65.

Memorial champion Patrick Cantlay was part of a group of 12 at 66.

Cantlay started on the back nine and was tied for the lead when his tee shot landed in water on the par-3 eighth hole, leading to a double bogey. But that did not affect the confidence of the former UCLA star, who was just 19 years old when he shot a 60 on this course during the second round in 2011, setting a PGA Tour record for amateurs.

"I definitely feel comfortable around here," he said. "It's one of the only golf courses I think I get on the first tee at the beginning of the day and think I can birdie every hole."

Defending champion Bubba Watson opened with a

69 in his bid for his fourth Travelers title. That would put him in the company of Billy Casper, the only golfer to win four times at Connecticut's PGA Tour stop. Watson, who came from six-shots back on the final day to win a year ago, seemed relaxed as he participated in an afternoon whiffle ball game with a group of players' children outside the new clubhouse. "Around this golf course, you've got to just know there's going to be birdies out there," he said. "Today was a little more difficult because a little bit of mist here and there just made the ball react different on the greens with some shots."

Two-time champion Phil Mickelson, playing in Connecticut for the first time since 2003, shot a 67.

"I didn't hurt myself any," Mickelson said. "I made a few mistakes out there that I have to clean up tomorrow. I feel like the round should have been three or four lower, and if I can do that tomorrow and shoot three or four lower, I'll be right in it for the weekend." He was playing with 2017 champion Jordan Spieth, who put a shot onto the railroad tracks and another in the water on his way to an eight on the par-5 13th. He finished with a 73.

Brooks Koepka, coming off his runner-up finish at



Ryan Armour tees off the first hole during first round play at the Travelers Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., Thursday, June 20, 2019.

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the U.S. Open, had a 71 and said he was fighting exhaustion after the cross-country trip from Pebble Beach.

"When you think about all the travel we've done and how much last week takes out of you," he said. "When

you are in contention in a major, it's going to drain you."

"Just because of my situation, one good week out here could change my life," McDaniel said. "I have to try to get a start in every PGA event." □

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Sánchez, Yankees jump on Snell as Sabathia gets win No. 250

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Sánchez hit a three-run homer to help chase Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell in the first inning, CC Sabathia got his 250th career win and the New York Yankees thumped the Tampa Bay Rays 12-1 Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep. Gleyber Torres added a grand slam during a six-run seventh inning, and New York three-hit Tampa Bay to win its fifth in a row and extend its lead the AL East over the second-place Rays to 3½ games. Tampa Bay was swept for the second time this season — the other came against Boston in April.
 Snell (4-6) walked four, gave up two hits and was charged with six runs while getting one out on 39 pitches in the shortest start of his career.



New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Yankee Stadium, Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in New York.

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Sabathia (4-4) pitched one-run ball over six innings. He struck out seven and allowed three hits and three

walks.

ANGELS 11, BLUE JAYS 6

TORONTO (AP) — Mike Trout hit two home runs,

including his sixth career grand slam, and had a career-best seven RBIs as Los Angeles beat Toronto.

Justin Upton also homered for the Angels, who have won all six meetings with the Blue Jays this season

and 18 of the last 24 in Toronto.

Trout finished 3 for 6. It was the first seven-RBI game by an Angels hitter since Torii Hunter did it against Kansas City on July 4, 2010.

Rowdy Tellez hit two home runs for Toronto.

Trout hit a two-run blast in the second and added his second grand slam of the season in the fourth. Both homers came off Aaron Sanchez (3-9), who lost his fifth straight start.

Reliever Noe Ramirez (3-0) got the win with 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

RED SOX 9, TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eduardo Rodríguez picked up Boston's bullpen a night after a 17-inning loss, and Brock Holt drove in three runs in a win over Minnesota.

Rodríguez (8-4) allowed four runs on eight hits, but more important, he lasted seven innings after the Red Sox used eight relievers in Tuesday's marathon. □

The Ex-Rays: Tampa Bay gets OK from MLB to explore Montreal



Major League Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred speaks to reporters after a meeting of baseball team owners in New York, Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Associated Press

By BEN WALKER

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ex-Rays?

Starved for fans despite success on the field, the Tampa Bay Rays have been given the go-ahead by Major League Baseball to look into playing a split season in Montreal.

No timetable for the possible plan was announced. An idea under consideration is for the Rays to play

early in the season in Tampa Bay and later in Montreal.

Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement Thursday at the end of the owners' meetings, saying the executive council had granted the Rays "broad permission to explore what's available."

Manfred said it's too soon to detail the particulars — as in, where the team would

play postseason games, or in what stadiums. He did not address whether this would be a step toward a full move.

"My priority remains the same, I am committed to keeping baseball in Tampa Bay for generations to come," Rays principal owner Stu Sternberg said in a statement.

"I believe this concept is worthy of serious exploration," he added.

The revelation is sure to spark interest across Canada, where Les Expos flourished for years with a truly international flair.

"This concept is definitely one that is of interest to my partners and me and we are looking forward to studying this further," said private equity mogul Stephen Bronfman, whose father, Charles, was the original owner of the Expos.

The Montreal Expos existed from 1969-2004 before they moved to Washington and became the Nationals. In their last two seasons before moving, the Expos

played 22 games per year at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Expos then, like the Rays now, operated with a small payroll, often losing stars to big-market clubs, such as Pedro Martinez and David Price. And low attendance plagued both franchises.

Tampa Bay is averaging 14,546 fans per home game, ahead of only the Miami Marlins. The Rays have played at Tropicana Field since their inception in 1998 and drew their lowest home crowd of 5,786 against Toronto last month. The Rays had looked into building a new stadium for years but in December abandoned a plan to build across the bay in Tampa's Ybor City area. They are committed to play in the Tampa Bay area through 2027.

MLB has played exhibition games in Montreal in recent years involving the Toronto Blue Jays and has drawn well for those. MLB has loosely talked over the years about expansion into Montreal, but Manfred re-

peatedly has said expansion will not be considered until the Rays and Oakland Athletics get new ballparks. The Expos were MLB's first international franchise and a popular destination for fans and visiting teams when they began, offering a lively, festive atmosphere at cozy Jarry Park with their jaunty organ music, curious logo and red, white and blue colors.

Over the years, the Expos became a force with the likes of future Hall of Famers Andre Dawson, Tim Lincecum and Vladimir Guerrero, but attendance lagged at Olympic Stadium, where the Expos averaged just over 10,000 in 2002, their last season of a full home schedule in Canada.

In other matters discussed by owners:

—Protective netting. Manfred said teams continue to pursue ways to ensure fan safety, with the Washington Nationals joining the Chicago White Sox this week in saying they will expand netting at their parks. □



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Contreras powers Cubs past Giolito, White Sox 7-3

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Willson Contreras homered twice and drove in five runs, and the Cubs handed Lucas Giolito his first loss since April by downing the cross-town White Sox.

David Bote also connected to help the Cubs bounce back from a tough loss to their rivals in their first meeting of the season. Jon Lester (6-5) allowed two more homers, but worked into the sixth inning to improve to 3-1 in June.

Trying for his ninth win in a row, Giolito (10-2) showed flashes of the dominant stuff that put him in the mix to start next month's All-Star Game. But he had all sorts of trouble against Contreras.

Giolito allowed six runs and seven hits, struck out nine and walked three in his first loss since April 6 against Seattle.

PADRES 8, BREWERS 7

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Franmil Reyes hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh and Eric Hosmer added a two-run shot for San Diego, which overcame three homers by Milwaukee to sweep the Brewers. Reyes' shot to right-center, his 20th, came off Jeremy Jeffress (1-1) after Manny Machado hit a leadoff single and Hunter Renfroe walked.

Christian Yelich hit his MLB-leading 27th homer and Ryan Braun homered, doubled and drove in three runs for the Brewers.

Craig Stammen got into and out of trouble in the ninth for his third save.

Gerardo Reyes (4-0) got the win after allowing Yasmani Grandal's three-run homer in the seventh.

NATIONALS 6, PHILLIES 2, 1ST GAME

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patrick Corbin struck out eight over seven strong innings and Washington beat Philadelphia to begin a day-night doubleheader.

This was the belated series opener after the teams were rained out Monday and Tuesday.

Corbin (6-5) scattered four hits and three walks while ending a personal three-game losing streak.

Juan Soto had an RBI single in the first off Zach Eflin (6-7), and Gerardo Parra and Brian Dozier added RBI doubles later in the game. Eflin allowed three runs and five hits while striking out seven over six innings.

NATIONALS 2, PHILLIES 0, 2ND GAME

WASHINGTON (AP) — Max Scherzer shrugged off a broken nose and black eye to throw seven shutout innings, Brian Dozier and Victor Robles hit solo homers, and Washington swept a doubleheader against Philadelphia.

The Nationals have won 16 of their last 23, while Philadelphia has dropped seven of its last nine and 12 of 18. Scherzer (6-5) bunted a ball off his face during batting practice Tuesday, but it didn't stop him from making his scheduled start. He struck out 10, yielded only four hits and permitted just two runners to reach scoring position.

Dozier belted a two-out solo shot in the second off Jake Arrieta (6-6), who allowed two hits and struck out three over six innings.

Sean Doolittle worked the ninth for his 15th save in 18 tries.

REDS 3, ASTROS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Nick Senzel singled home the tying run with two outs in the ninth inning, and Jesse Winker followed with an RBI single as Cincinnati rallied for a rare sweep of Houston.

The Reds matched their season high with a fourth straight win. They also swept the Marlins in April.

Michael Brantley's two-run homer put Gerrit Cole in position for only his second career win over Cincinnati, but Roberto Osuna (3-1) couldn't close it out. Jose Peraza opened the rally with a double and came around on Senzel's hit. Winker finished it off with a single up the middle.

Matt Bowman (1-0) pitched two innings.

PIRATES 8, TIGERS 7

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bryan Reynolds hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning to complete Pittsburgh's rally from a six-run deficit against Detroit.

With the Pirates trailing 7-5, Reynolds sent a knuckle curve from Nick Ramirez (3-2) 421 feet to left-center for his sixth homer of the season, driving in Kevin Newman and Adam Frazier. Felipe Vázquez retired the side in order in the ninth for his 17th save.

The Pirates trailed 7-1 in the third inning. Richard Rodriguez (2-3) worked a scoreless sixth.

BRAVES 7, METS 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Josh Donaldson hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning, Freddie Freeman launched an early two-run shot and Atlanta beat New York.

The NL East-leading Braves are 14-4 in June, best in the majors.



Chicago Cubs' Willson Contreras watches his grand slam during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

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Freeman blooped a pop-fly single to begin the sixth, Atlanta's first hit since his homer in the first off Steven Matz (5-5). Donaldson followed with his 14th home run, sixth in his last nine games, before Austin Riley doubled and scored on Ozzie Albies' double to make it 5-2.

Max Fried (8-3) gave up two runs and eight hits with one walk and six strikeouts in six innings, winning for the first time in five starts.

DODGERS 9, GIANTS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Taylor homered twice, Cody Bellinger added a solo shot and Los Angeles' spotty bullpen was solid after starter Rich Hill left with an injury against San Francisco.

The NL West leaders (50-25) became the first 50-win team in the majors and improved to a big league-best 30-9 at home. They routed their rivals for the second straight game, fol-

lowing up on a 9-0 win Tuesday.

Hill exited after one inning because of left forearm discomfort. He is scheduled for a MRI on Thursday.

Dylan Floro (2-1) went two innings for the win. Taylor hit a three-run homer in the first off Drew Pomeranz (2-7). Dodgers rookie Kyle Garlick added his first career homer leading off the second.

The Giants' runs came on homers by Tyler Austin and Mike Yastrzemski.

CARDINALS 2, MARLINS 1, 11 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt hit a solo home run with two outs in the 11th inning to lift St. Louis over Miami.

Dexter Fowler had an RBI single in the sixth for the Cardinals, who won for the seventh time in 11 games. Miguel Rojas tied it with a single in the eighth off reliever Carlos Martinez. □

Murray makes winning return in doubles at Queen's Club

LONDON (AP) — That familiar fist pump. That indomitable spirit. It was as if Andy Murray had never been away.

The three-time Grand Slam champion enjoyed a winning return to competitive tennis Thursday after five months away from the sport, combining with Feliciano Lopez to beat top-seeded Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah in the doubles at the Queen's Club.

Murray was taking the first steps of his tentative comeback from what he hopes was career-saving hip surgery 143 days ago. It was even longer ago that he was breaking down in tears at the Australian Open in January, saying he was planning to retire after Wimbledon because of the severe pain he felt on a daily basis.

Yet Murray moved well,



Australia's Nick Kyrgios appeals to the umpire on court one during his tennis match against Spain's Roberto Carballes Baena day four of the Fever-Tree Championship at the Queen's Club, London.

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served well and, crucially, stayed pain-free throughout the 7-6 (5), 6-3 win in front of an excitable crowd on Center Court at the grass-court event.

"It was brilliant, I enjoyed it a lot," the former top-ranked Murray said. "I was a bit slow at the beginning but got better as the

match went along. I'm really fortunate to be playing tennis again.

"I felt quite relaxed in the build-up, but we said as we were walking onto the court that we were starting to feel a bit nervous. But you need those butterflies." Victory was wrapped up in under 75 minutes, Mur-

ray and Lopez clicking like a veteran doubles partnership even though they had never played together, and had barely trained together.

The fact that Lopez had been compelled to issue a fierce denial of links to allegations of match-fixing in Spain a day earlier was not ideal preparation, either.

At the end of a first set that went with serve, a ferocious forehand from Murray clipped the net tape on its way past Cabal and clinched the tiebreaker. That fist pump was on display from Murray following a succession of winners in the second set.

Cabal and Farah are a slick combination but couldn't handle what came at them, with Murray volleying like a doubles specialist.

Lopez stood back after victory was secured to allow Murray to take the ap-

plause of the crowd.

Earlier in the singles, defending champion Marin Cilic, former winner Grigor Dimitrov and 2018 Wimbledon finalist Kevin Anderson all lost. Cilic and Anderson were knocked out in the second round, while Dimitrov didn't make it past the first round having waited four days to play his opening match. Diego Schwartzman of Argentina beat the fifth-seeded Cilic 6-4, 6-4 and Anderson, the second seed, was defeated 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 by Gilles Simon.

Dimitrov followed Anderson on Court 1 and fell 6-4, 6-4 to Felix Auger-Aliassime.

Top-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas played two matches in one day as the rain-hit event tried to catch up, and he won both against Kyle Edmund and then Jeremy Chardy. He came from behind to beat Chardy 4-6, 7-6 (0), 7-6 (4). □



United States' Megan Rapinoe, right, and Sweden's Nathalie Bjorn battle for the ball during the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match between Sweden and the United States at Stade Oc ane, in Le Havre, France, Thursday, June 20, 2019.

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"Every game we come out with that mentality: We want three points, we want to score goals, we want shutouts. That's something we take pride in."

Lindsey Horan scored within the first three minutes, the fastest goal of this tournament. The United States went up 2-0 on an own goal off Jonna Andersson in the 50th minute.

Already assured a spot in the round of 16 before the game, the United States finished atop its group and will head to Reims to face Spain on Monday. Sweden will play Canada in Paris.

The meeting was the first tournament game between the two teams since the quarterfinals of the 2016 Olympics. The Swedes bunkered in on defense and advanced on penalties after a 1-1 draw, handing the United States its earliest-ever exit from the Olympic tournament. Former U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo called the Swedes "cowards" for the defensive stand, a comment that effectively ended her career with the U.S. team.

"We've been part of some very big games against them, and we haven't beaten them in a major tournament in a while. So it feels good that we can go into this tournament and we can play well against a quality side and get a result," defender Becky Sauerbrunn said.

The United States pounced on Thailand in its opener, winning 13-0 and drawing criticism for celebrating every goal even when the game was well in hand.

The Americans had a more staid performance against Chile on Sunday in Paris, winning 3-0 with more muted celebrations, including a golf clap from Carli Lloyd, who scored a pair of goals in that game.

Ellis made seven lineup changes for the game against Chile but for Sweden she went back to a lineup similar to the one she used in the opener. Lloyd, who played every minute of the 2015 World Cup and scored three goals in a 5-2 victory over Japan in the title match, came in off the bench to start the second half.

She replaced Alex Morgan, who was involved in a couple of collisions in the first half and at one point held her right knee.

A hip contusion kept defensive midfielder Julie Ertz out of the game after she started in the first two and scored her first World Cup goal against Chile.

"Alex took a knock in the first half and it was just, 'Let's be smart about this.' Similar vein to Julie. It is a zero risk game in terms of having players available for the next round," Ellis said.

Ninth-ranked Sweden, which opened with a 2-0

victory over Chile and followed with a 5-1 win over Thailand, made seven lineup changes for the game against its rival.

Coach Peter Gerhardsson said he selected his starters with an eye toward the next game.

"We know that we have a new match on Monday, which is a knockout match, and that's the one that's the most important one," he said.

The victory gave the top-ranked United States a potentially more challenging path to the final. If the team can get by Spain, that could set up a quarterfinal clash against No. 4 France in front of its home fans in Paris, and then a possible meeting with No. 3 England in the semifinals. With a victory over Canada, Sweden could have a quarterfinal game against No. 2 Germany.

The U.S. was on the attack from the start and went ahead early when Horan scored on a corner kick from Megan Rapinoe that bounced twice past two defenders and deflected off Samantha Mewis just 2:40 into the game. It was Horan's second goal in France. □

Tampa Bay's Nikita Kucherov wins Hart, Lindsay at NHL Awards

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nikita Kucherov gratefully accepted the Hart Trophy and the Ted Lindsay Award on Wednesday night in recognition of his spectacular 128-point regular season in Tampa Bay.

He might even be able to enjoy the trophies someday, whenever the sting of the Lightning's first-round postseason loss has faded. Kucherov won the NHL's highest honors Wednesday night, receiving the Hart as the league MVP and the Lindsay Award as the best player according to a vote of his fellow pros.

The Russian right wing also formally picked up the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's top scorer at the hockey world's annual Vegas ceremony at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

"It's a huge night for me and my family," said Kucherov, who turned 26 on Monday. "But the main thing is Stanley Cup. We want to make sure we work harder than we thought we did (last season). All these individual (awards), it's obviously nice, but the main thing is Stanley Cup for me."

Andrei Vasilevskiy, Kucherov's Russian teammate, won his first Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goalie in another bittersweet recognition for the Lightning, who won 62 regular-season games before getting swept by Columbus in the opening round.

Kucherov received 164 of 171 first-place votes in a runaway Hart victory over two-time MVP Sidney Crosby of Pittsburgh, who finished second, and 2017 Hart winner Connor McDavid of Edmonton. The voting was no surprise after Kucherov posted the NHL's highest-scoring individual season since 1996.

"When the team plays good, the numbers will obviously be good," Kucherov said. "You just try not to think too much about it. If you think too much, your game can just go away, and bad things can happen. All my thoughts were about winning games for my team,



Tampa Bay Lightning's Nikita Kucherov poses with, from left, the Ted Lindsay Award, Hart Memorial Trophy and the Art Ross Trophy after winning the honors at the NHL Awards, Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in Las Vegas.

and help the team get more points."

A year after scoring 100 points, Kucherov emerged as perhaps the most impressive scorer in hockey, putting up a career-best 41 goals and 87 assists. Kucherov tied Jaromir Jagr's NHL record for assists by a wing, and he surpassed Alexander Mogilny's single-season record for points by a Russian-born player.

Tampa Bay also posted 128 standings points, the most by any team since 1996 — but Kucherov regrets that he had little impact during the Lightning's stunning sweep by the Blue Jackets. Kucherov served a one-game suspension for a dangerous hit during the series, and he scored his only two playoff points in the Game 4 defeat.

"When I came (to the U.S.), the main thing was just try and make the team," Kucherov said. "Now all my thoughts are just to win the Cup, and bring the Cup back to Tampa, because people deserve that. We've been playing good hockey, and I'm sure if we keep the team (together), we can bounce back."

Calgary's Mark Giordano won the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defense-

man, earning the award for the first time at 35 years old. Vancouver forward Elias Pettersson won the Calder Trophy given to the league's top rookie, and Ryan O'Reilly added his first Selke Trophy as the NHL's top defensive forward to the Blues' Stanley Cup victory.

Barry Trotz of the New York Islanders won his second Jack Adams Award as the best coach, while Boston's Don Sweeney was named the league's top general manager.

But Kucherov was the headliner on a night of several first-time winners at the NHL Awards ceremony, hosted by "Saturday Night Live" veteran Kenan Thompson. The Hart was presented by "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek, who received a standing ovation in one of his first public appearances since announcing his battle with pancreatic cancer.

Vasilevskiy beat out Dallas' Ben Bishop and the Islanders' Robin Lehner for the Vezina. The Russian is the first Tampa Bay goalie to win the award, leading the NHL with 39 victories while posting a 2.40 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage.

Trotz beat out Tampa Bay's Jon Cooper and St. Louis' Craig Berube for the top coaching honor. He also won the award with Washington three years ago.

After winning the Stanley Cup and subsequently leaving the Capitals last summer, Trotz engineered an impressive 23-point improvement by the Isles for their best single-season record since 1983-84, even after losing John Tavares to Toronto.

Trotz took a moment after accepting the award to honor his goalie.

Lehner won the Masterton Trophy as the player exemplifying the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey. Lehner became a Vezina finalist after revealing during training camp that he has struggled with addiction and bipolar disorder.

"I'm not ashamed to say I'm mentally ill, but that doesn't mean mentally weak," Lehner said after accepting his award.

"I've had such an incredible outpouring of support," he added later. "There's so many people that have contacted me that I still haven't been able to get to yet, that are just scared to take that first step, scared

of doing the things that are necessary to turn their lives around. That's incredibly rewarding."

After joining several Blues teammates in carrying the Stanley Cup down the Vegas red carpet, O'Reilly won the Selke over Boston's Patrice Bergeron, a four-time Selke winner and a finalist for the eighth consecutive year, and Vegas' Mark Stone.

O'Reilly was the Blues' top scorer with 77 points, including 28 goals in his first season in St. Louis. He also compiled a plus-22 rating and finished fourth in the NHL with 94 takeaways.

Giordano was rewarded for his remarkable performance 13 years into an NHL career spent entirely with the Flames. He is the fourth defenseman to win the Norris at 35 or older, joining Nicklas Lidstrom, Doug Harvey and Al MacInnis.

"I take a lot of pride in working out off the ice and keeping myself in good shape," Giordano said. "It's not easy to play late into your 30s. I think we're all aware of that as players, but (we) try to last as long as you can."

The Calgary captain led the NHL with a plus-39 rating and scored a career-best 74 points while regularly playing against opponents' best lines. Giordano beat out the last two winners of the Norris: San Jose's Brent Burns and Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman.

The 20-year-old Pettersson joins Pavel Bure (1992) as the only Calder winners in Canucks' history. Pettersson provided an offensive jolt to the Canucks, scoring a goal on his first NHL shot and finishing with a rookie-best 28 goals and 38 assists. Wild forward Jason Zucker won the King Clancy Memorial Trophy for leadership and humanitarian contributions to hockey. Florida center Aleksander Barkov won his first Lady Byng Trophy as the player best combining sportsmanship, gentlemanly conduct and ability, while Nashville's Wayne Simmonds won the Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award. □

Tasty deals: Apps help find unsold food and reduce waste

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — After a long day at work, Annekathrin Fiesinger is too tired to consider making dinner at home. So the 34-year-old uses her smart phone to check nearby restaurants, hotels or bakeries in Berlin for food being sold for a discount at the end of the day.

The part-time coffee shop worker, who is also studying for a degree in the science of ecosystems, is part of a growing movement of environmentally-aware people in Germany and beyond who are using apps to reduce food waste and try to cut down on climate-wrecking carbon emissions. While it's unclear how big an impact such efforts have in ultimately reducing emissions, they reflect how environmental concerns are growing and shaping the behavior of consumers and businesses.

"For me this is all about the environment," says Fiesinger. "We cannot go on with all this wastefulness."

Fiesinger uses "Too Good To Go," Europe's most popular app to find discounted unsold food. It uses her phone's GPS to tell her which registered businesses nearby have extra food for sale, and what they're offering.

"It's super easy: just download the app and, on your way home, pick up what you like best," she explained, scrolling through a long list of photos advertising veggie meals, baked goods and unsold lunch specials.

The app is part of a growing number of services using technology to help reduce food waste.

Activists have built online communities to share food with neighbors before throwing it away. Startups have teamed up with supermarkets to create applications that alert consumers when groceries that are about to expire are marked down. Even the German government has launched a phone app offering recipes by celebrity chefs made specifically for



In this Tuesday, May 21, 2019 photo, Franziska Lienert spokeswoman of the company which runs the food sharing app 'Too Good To Go', poses for a photo at her working desk during an interview with the Associated Press in Berlin.

left-over groceries that often get discarded.

On average, every German throws away more than 55 kilograms (120 pounds) of food a year, the government says. That's about 11 million tons of food annually, which creates six million tons of carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming. Globally, about one third of all food ends up in the garbage.

Emissions come from burning the wasted food but also from producing the food in the first place. For example, cattle raised for beef and milk are the animal species responsible for the most emissions, representing about 65% of the livestock sector's emissions, according the U.N.

Scientists say the only possible way to slow down global warming is by drastically reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide in the

coming decades. Doing so means ending the use of fossil fuels and cutting back on other sources of emissions, such as intensive land use for agriculture.

The German government has said it wants to reduce food waste by half until 2030 and Chancellor Angela Merkel called on all citizens to support initiatives that help avoid food waste. "I think that every single person can contribute to this big goal," Merkel said during her weekly podcast in February. "Digitization can help with intelligent packaging and (online) platforms via which one can then share food."

The "Too Good To Go" app, which was created by a couple of Danish entrepreneurs in 2015, has seen its number of users grow rapidly. More than 5,000 people download the app in Germany every day, a spokeswoman for the com-

pany says. It's also available in ten other European countries including Denmark, France, Britain and Poland.

"So far, we have rescued 14 million meals in Europe from being thrown away — that equals 35,000 tons of CO2 that have been saved," spokeswoman Franziska Lienert said.

Evaluating the actual impact of those saved meals can be tricky, as the consumers would have likely bought food from another retailer instead. But food sharing programs and apps can help better match demand for meals to their supply, increasing the industry's overall efficiency.

Ten million people use "Too Good To Go" and some 23,300 food businesses participate, Lienert said. It's the most popular, but other food sharing apps include FoodCloud, Karma or Olio which is available in hun-

dreds of cities in the United States.

To make a profit, "Too Good To Go" keeps 1.09 euros (\$1.22) per meal sold through the app. The food is usually about 50% less expensive than its original price.

Like Fiesinger, most of the app's users are university students and young, tech-savvy professionals.

While a growing number of businesses are participating in such app-based schemes, many others still give their unsold food for free to charities that distribute it to the homeless or other people in need.

Whereas unsold food in Germany usually ends up in the garbage, France and the Czech Republic have in recent years implemented laws banning supermarkets from throwing away food and instead ordered them to donate it to charities and food banks.

In Berlin, Fiesinger checks her phone for food offered in her neighborhood.

She decides on a lunch special at Aennchen von Thorgau restaurant on the banks of the Spree river. She clicks on one of four unsold pasta dishes, ordering and paying automatically.

"In Berlin, it's really easy to find something — there's something waiting for you on every corner," says Fiesinger on her way to pick up her meal.

Restaurant owner Armin Doetsch says he participates in the app's program mainly for environmental reasons.

"We often have left-overs from our lunch specials," Doetsch said. "Rather than tossing it, we prefer to give it away, even if it's only for little money."

He piles a dish of Spaetzle pasta with mushrooms — marked down to 3.80 euros from 6.50 euros — into a container Fiesinger had brought along and hands it over with a smile.

"We also want to avoid extra packaging waste," says Doetsch. "Everybody who brings along their own Tupperware box gets free ice-cream as a reward." □

US stocks climb, sending S&P 500 within range of a new high

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Gains in technology and energy companies helped drive stocks broadly higher on Wall Street Thursday afternoon, nudging the S&P 500 closer to a new high. The benchmark index was hovering around the record close it reached April 30. A strong rebound for stocks this month has erased most of the S&P 500's losses from May, when jitters over the escalating trade conflict between the U.S. and China knocked the market into a 6.6% dive.

The market's recovery gained momentum this week as investors became more hopeful that Washington and Beijing could eventually resolve their damaging trade war. Traders have also become more confident that the Federal Reserve stands ready to stabilize economic growth. The S&P 500 was up 0.6% as of 1:46 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 171 points,



Trader Joseph Lawler works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, June 20, 2019. Associated Press

or 0.7%, to 26,675. Big gains for Boeing, 3M, and Home Depot helped drive the 30-stock index higher.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite gained 0.5%, while the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies

was 0.5% higher.

Major stock indexes in Europe also rose.

Technology stocks accounted for a big share of Thursday's gains. Oracle led the sector, climbing 7.6% after the software com-

pany reported solid financial results. Mastercard rose 2.3%.

Crude oil prices surged 5.4% as tensions between the U.S. and Iran intensified, stoking fears that oil shipments through the Strait of

Hormuz could be compromised. Iran's Revolutionary Guard said it shot down a U.S. drone on Thursday over Iranian airspace. The drone shooting follows last week's attack on two oil tankers near the Gulf of Oman. The spike in oil prices sent energy sector stocks broadly higher. Noble Energy gained 5.9%.

Bond yields continued to slide a day after the Federal Reserve signaled that it is prepared to cut its benchmark interest rate if needed to shield the U.S. economy from trade conflicts or other threats. While the central bank left interest rates unchanged, investors are betting on at least one interest rate cut this year.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to just under 2%, the lowest level since November 2016. The decline in bond yields weighed on financial stocks. Lower bond yields pull down the interest rates that banks charge on loans. □

Slack is latest tech company to go public, with a twist

By MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of work messaging platform Slack rose after it started trading under the ticker "WORK."

The San Francisco company's shares debuted on the New York Stock Exchange at \$38.50 and rose \$1.70, or 4.4%, to \$40.20 in midday trading.

Slack's initial public offering is using an unusual approach known as a direct listing. In such cases, a company doesn't hire underwriters or sell new shares to raise money; it simply lists existing shares. While there is no set price for the listing, Slack said in a regulatory filing that the volume-weighted average price of shares that changed hands in the private market from February through May was \$26.38.

Slack aims to replace traditional work communication like email with its own messaging platform. Users start "channels," or a group chat

with a specific topic, rather than starting an email string about a subject. Slack says 600,000 organizations in more than 150 countries use Slack. That includes more than 10 million daily active users, who collectively spend more than 50 million hours in active use of Slack in a typical week, on either a free or paid subscription plan, according to the company. By contrast, Facebook has more than 2 billion users.

Slack's listing is the latest in several highly anticipated tech IPOs. Rideshare companies Uber and Lyft, video conferencing company Zoom Video Communications and digital scrapbooking site Pinterest have all gone public in recent weeks.

They haven't all been successes. Uber's IPO in May was the most highly anticipated debut, but it hit a few potholes on opening day, closing down 8%.

Kathleen Smith, principal at Renaissance Capital,

which researches IPOs, said a direct listing saves the company underwriting fees, but it means the company needs a strong investor relations program since initial shares aren't being sold at a discount to attract buyers.

"It's always a little challenging to get this kind of value

ing for Uber," she said. "These very large IPOs can have a rocky road when they enter the market."

Slack said earlier in June that for the February-April quarter, the company lost 26 cents per share as revenue jumped 67% to \$134.8 million.

For the fiscal year ending

50% year-over-year, totaling \$590 million to \$600 million.

Slack is the second major tech company to start trading with a direct listing; Spotify did so in April 2018. More than a year later, Spotify's shares are trading at \$147, about the same price it debuted at. □



Slack CEO Stewart Butterfield poses for photos outside the New York Stock Exchange before his company's IPO, Thursday, June 20, 2019.

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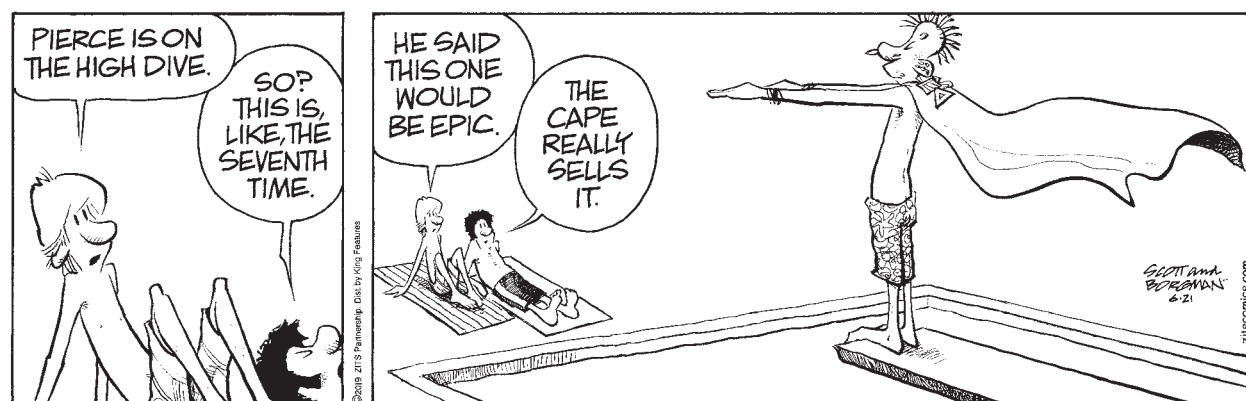
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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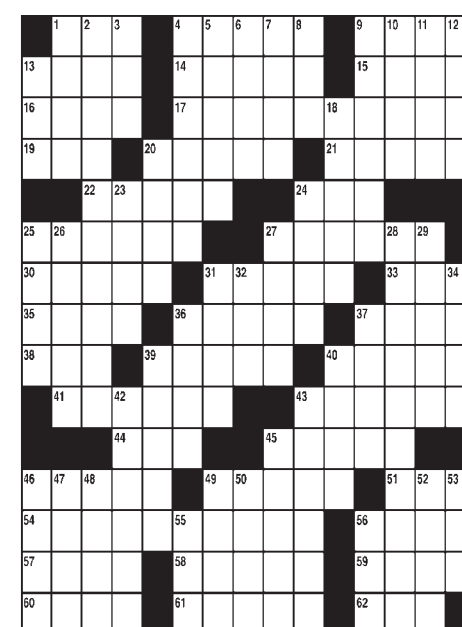
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- Oxygen or ethylene
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- Expand one's family
- Special goody
- Building site
- Wheel parts
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- Stick around
- Notice
- Narrow openings
- Ford or Close
- One of the planets
- Scratchy
- Musician's job
- Island nation near Sicily
- Hard to climb
- Not at all tasty
- Actor Hunter
- Pupil's record
- Broad
- Neighbor of Hungary: abbr.
- Church walkway
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- Falk, Fonda or Finch
- armed bandit; slot machine

DOWN

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- Galileo or Copernicus
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- Liveliness
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- Cluckers
- Gabor or Longoria
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- "You can say ___ again!"
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In this Oct. 12, 2018 file photo, a man holds a frame removed from a hive box covered with honey bees in Lansing, Mich.
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Survey sees biggest US honeybee winter die-off yet

By SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter hit U.S. honeybees hard with the highest loss rate yet, an annual survey of beekeepers showed.

The annual nationwide survey by the Bee Informed Partnership found 37.7% of honeybee colonies died this past winter, nearly 9 percentage points higher than the average winter loss.

The survey of nearly 4,700 beekeepers managing more than 300,000 colonies goes back 13 years and is conducted by bee experts at the University of Maryland, Auburn University and several other colleges.

Beekeepers had been seeing fewer winter colony

losses in recent years until now, said Maryland's Dennis vanEngelsdorp, president of the bee partnership and co-author of Wednesday's survey.

"The fact that we suddenly had the worst winter we've had ... is troubling," vanEngelsdorp said.

Some bees usually die over winter, but until the past couple decades, when a combination of problems struck colonies, losses rarely exceeded 10%, he said.

Bees pollinate \$15 billion worth of U.S. food crops. One-third of the human diet comes from pollinators, including native wild bees and other animals, many of which are also in trouble, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. □

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Lost wallet? More cash means you're likelier to get it back

By MALCOLM RITTER

NEW YORK (AP) — People are more likely to return a lost wallet if it contains money — and the more cash, the better.

That's the surprising conclusion from researchers who planted more than 17,000 "lost wallets" across 355 cities in 40 countries, and kept track of how often somebody contacted the supposed owners.

The presence of money — the equivalent of about \$13 in local currency — boosted this response rate to about 51%, versus 40% for wallets with no cash. That trend showed up in virtually every nation, although the actual numbers varied.

Researchers raised the stakes in the U.S., the United Kingdom and Poland. The response jumped to 72% for wallets containing the equivalent of about \$94, versus 61% for those containing \$13. If no money was enclosed, the rate was 46%.

How can this be?

"The evidence suggests that people tend to care about the welfare of others, and they have an aversion



This undated photo provided by researchers in June 2019 shows an example of the contents of a transparent wallet used in an experiment to test how likely people are to return a lost wallet.

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to seeing themselves as a thief," said Alain Cohn of the University of Michigan, one author who reported the results Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Another author, Christian Zuend of the University of Zurich, said "it suddenly feels like stealing" when there's money in the wallet. "And it feels even more like stealing when the money in the wallet increases," he added. That idea was supported by the results of polls

the researchers did in the U.S., the U.K. and Poland, he told reporters.

The wallets in the study were actually transparent business card cases, chosen so that people could see any money inside without opening them. A team of 13 research assistants posed as people who had just found the cases and turned them in at banks, theaters, museums or other cultural establishments, post offices, hotels and po-

lice stations or other public offices. The key question was whether the employee receiving each case would contact its supposed owner, whose name and email address were displayed on three identical business cards within.

The business cards were crafted to make the supposed owner appear to be a local person, as was a grocery list that was also enclosed. Some cases also contained a key, and they were more likely to get a response than cases without a key. That led the researchers to conclude that concern for others was playing a role, since — unlike money — a key is valuable to its owner but not a stranger.

The effect of enclosed money appeared in 38 of the 40 countries, with Mexico and Peru the exceptions. Nations varied widely in how often the wallet's "owner" was contacted. In Switzerland the rate was 74% for wallets without money and 79% with it, while in China the rates were 7% and 22%. The U.S. figures were 39% and 57%.

The study measured how employees act when presented with a wallet at their workplaces. But would those same people act differently if they found a wallet on a sidewalk?

"We don't know," said Michel Marechal, an author from the University of Zurich. But he said other analyses suggest the new results reflect people's overall degree of honesty.

Shaul Shalvi of the University of Amsterdam, who wrote a commentary that accompanied the study, told The Associated Press that he suspected the study does shed light on how people would act with a wallet found on the street. He said the results "support the idea that people care about others as well as caring about being honest."

Robert Feldman, psychology professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst who didn't participate in the work, said he suspected the experiment might have turned out differently if involved "everyday people" rather than employees acting in an official capacity. □



In this Tuesday, May 7, 2019 photo a grey wolf walks in its enclosure in the wildlife park 'Wisentgehege Springe' (wisent enclosure Springe) in Springe, central Germany.

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The return of the wolf: Wild cubs born in the Netherlands

By MIKE CORDER

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Wolves are officially back in the Netherlands, two centuries after the animals were hunted to extinction in the country, after a pair produced a litter in the wild — news welcomed Thursday by conservationists.

The province of Gelderland posted a video online this week showing three young wolves in a forest clearing, though the province said in a statement there could be up to five pups. The province did not reveal the exact location of the footage, saying it does not want people to disturb the animals.

The return of wolves to this densely populated nation on the western edge of continental Europe follows

a growth in numbers in neighboring Germany.

"It's fantastic news," said Michiel van der Weide, a wolf expert for nature protection organization Natuurmonumenten. He said wolf watchers in the Netherlands had been awaiting the arrival of the first litter of pups following recent sightings of wolves in the country.

Van der Weide said that the animals pose virtually no risk to humans. Local authorities are working with farmers to protect livestock such as sheep and goats from wolves.

DNA tests established that the wolves originally come from eastern Germany, he said.

According to official German figures, there were 75 wolf packs, 30 breeding

pairs and 3 lone wolves in the country last year.

While wolves still have a novelty value in the Netherlands, they have become a source of political friction across the border. The far-right opposition Alternative for Germany party has accused the government of failing to defend the interests of farmers. Last month, Germany's Cabinet agreed on a bill that will allow wolves to be killed even if it's unclear which member of a pack was responsible for the killing of a farm animal.

Germany's agriculture minister had also wanted the option of shooting wolves as a precautionary measure, a move the Environment Ministry opposed. Parliament can amend the bill before it is passed. □

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5 innovative takes on the martini

LONDON (AP) — The martini's heyday began almost a century ago, but today's bartenders have some innovative takes on the classic cocktail.

"People have become much more educated in what they're drinking" and don't just go for the "obvious choices," says Anna Sebastian, bar manager at the Artesian bar at the Langham, in London.

First, the question every martini drinker wants to know: Shaken or stirred?

According to Joe McCanta of Grey Goose Vodka, if you're going to drink your martini fast like James Bond, then have it shaken.

"When you shake a martini, all the ice is moving around and that flakes off into little ice kind of flakes, and that makes the drink super-cold immediately afterward," he says.

But as the drink sits, all those little bits of ice dilute faster and your drink gets warm



A picture of a Star of Bombay Martini, left, at the Library Bar at the Ned hotel in London, Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

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faster. So if you want to savor your drink, he says, "a stirred martini cocktail will stay much colder, much longer."

We took a recent tour of

five London bars to see what's new in martinis:

SCARFES BAR AT ROSEWOOD

At the elegant Scarfes bar at Rosewood, a hotel in

Holborn, director of bars Martin Siska prepares their Petit DJ Ne Martini, a fun take on the-morning-after-the-night-before, complete with a toasted brioche bun

on top. "The whole idea behind the drink is we try to use all ingredients which you might have for your breakfast, like cereals, orange, milk, chocolate — so it is sort of a funky style and it is very enjoyable and easy to drink," he says.

ARTESIAN AT THE LANGHAM

Sebastian showed The Associated Press her twist on the classic martini. She calls it the Fig Reviver, and it's got a woody flavor from whiskey. Garnish is a mini fig leaf and a spray of fig water

LIBRARY BAR AT THE NED

In the Library Bar at the private member's club The Ned, bar manager Anthony Callegari wheels out a trolley to add drama when serving his Star of Bombay martini.

"It brings a completely different experience to the bar. It is more of a bespoke service, so we come to the table and literally tailor the martini to you," he says. □

Paul Simon, Alice Quinn honored by Poetry Society of America

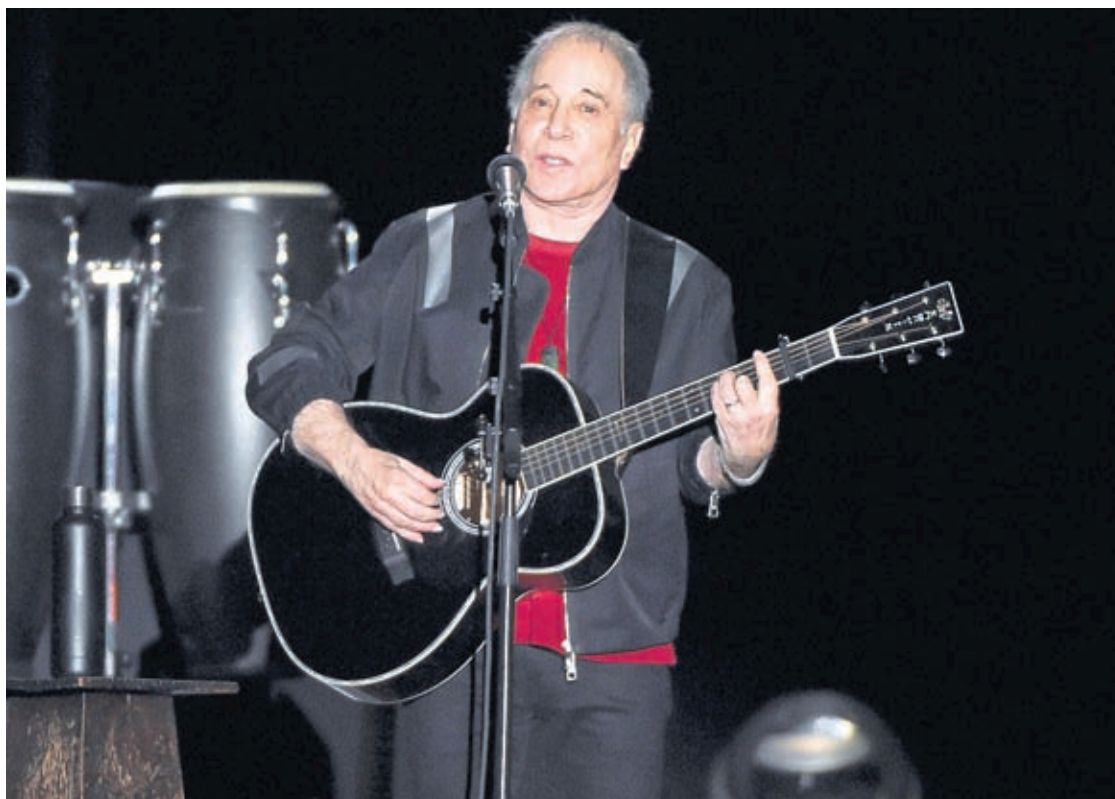
By HILLEL ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Simon doesn't care much for requests, but he might ask you to sing along.

The singer-songwriter's latest honor came from the Poetry Society of America, which celebrated him Tuesday during a dinner benefit at the New York Botanical Garden.

Simon and longtime poetry editor Alice Quinn were the guests of honor, their careers both lasting for decades and making them revered names among lovers of words.

Quinn has championed Sharon Olds, Edward Hirsch and countless other poets as an adjunct professor at Columbia University, the poetry editor at The New Yorker (from 1987 to 2007) and an editor at Alfred A. Knopf. She is stepping down as executive editor of the poetry society, where she has served since 2001. She was introduced by Pulitzer Prize winner and U.S. poet laureate Tracy K. Smith,



This Sept. 22, 2018 file photo shows singer-songwriter Paul Simon performing in Flushing Meadows Corona Park during the final stop of his Homeward Bound - The Farewell Tour in New York.

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who praised her contributions to "the inner life across this country and beyond." Quinn noted that Simon had been a supporter of the poetry society and re-

membered seeing him in the offices of Knopf, which published a book of his lyrics. Simon was then introduced by former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins,

who noted that Simon was among the first rock songwriters to use the word "poetry" in a song ("I Am a Rock") and to name poets, reading lines about Robert

Frost and Emily Dickinson from Simon's "A Dangling Conversation."

Simon, meanwhile, was alternately playful and contrarian. He chastised Collins for misremembering a discussion they had about writing and wondered about the meaning of awards when the planet was "disintegrating." He joked about making room for his poetry society award among his "shelves and shelves" of prizes, right next to a special trophy for being the "best-dressed dad." His acceptance came in three parts: He read work by two poets who died this year, Les Murray and W.S. Merwin; chatted briefly on stage with Collins about writing; and, to everyone's obvious pleasure, performed a few songs.

Be careful, though, about requests. Simon explained that during one show he saw a woman come close to the stage, sobbing, begging him to perform a certain song. □

Look out, Buzz. There's another good toy movie out

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

There are two movies opening this weekend that feature iconic anthropomorphic dolls. Be very careful which one you choose.

"Toy Story 4" has the usual gang of lovable toys led by Woody and Buzz. (Bring tissues.) Then there's the remake of "Child's Play," which has Chucky, the freckle-faced homicidal doll who likes stabbing

things. (Bring a strong stomach.)

The reviews for "Toy Story 4" are pretty good and you might be surprised to find that the "Child's Play" reboot is actually pretty solid, too. It's a winking, self-aware horror movie that will make you laugh even when things are drenched in blood.

The original "Child's Play" came out in 1988 and featured the nightmare-creat-



This image released by Orion Pictures shows the character Chucky from the horror film, "Child's Play."

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ing concept of your dolls coming to life and harming you. It was a fairly straightforward horror flick with a dash of commentary on consumerism. But the franchise — six sequels — gradually grew camp, most recently with "Cult of Chucky" in 2017.

The reboot this summer has sidestepped Chuck's real dad — the writer and director Don Mancini — and freshened the concept for 2019: Chucky is no longer possessed. Now he's a cloud-connected, self-learning AI doll with wide powers: He controls the lights, TVs, Roomba, cars and other electronic devices. Underneath the gleeful horror is a commentary on our dependence and the interconnectivity of our devices. Director Lars Klevberg and screenwriter Tyler Burton Smith don't pretend the killer doll trope hasn't been done before. They fully dive into it, gently mocking the genre as they exploit it and signal to the audience all along what they're doing.

"You're my best friend," says Chucky when he's taken out of the box. To which his new owner naturally says: "It's kind of creepy."

This time, Chucky is created by the nefarious Kaslan Corporation, which has a range of interconnected products. A sweatshop worker in Vietnam tasked with assembling the dolls disconnects one of its security protocols in a fit of pique. It ends up in the hands of a single mother (Aubrey Plaza) and her lonely son, Andy (Gabriel Bateman). Chucky tries to understand human behavior but stumbles at subtlety. He's imprinted to Andy and lashes out at anything that Andy dislikes, whether that's the family cat or his mom's new boyfriend.

The filmmakers have left little Easter eggs throughout the film, from references to "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" to "Office Space." They have a jokey tendency to use old-school lightning whenever they want to signal something

ominous is happening. The final climactic fight scene happens in a dark basement sporting industrial spinning fans with light and smoke pouring out of them. At one point, there's a "Star Wars" joke that is extra funny because Mark Hamill is voicing Chucky.

There's so much tongue-in-cheek humor that even though the body count mounts — and some in the audience may be surprised that death comes to animals and beloved figures alike — there's really no dread. Somehow, despite "Silence of the Lambs"-level carnage, the gore level doesn't shock, inoculated as we are by being in on the joke. Riffing off that, composer Bear McCreary leans in on "Omen"-like, ever-building horror music.

The film's tautness comes and goes, to be honest, never really building to edge-of-your-seat stuff. And it could have had more glee messing with our love of digital convenience. **D**

After a 50-year wait, 'Stonewall' opera was written in weeks

By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Pulitzer Prize-winning librettist Mark Campbell received a note in late February 2018 from the general director of the New York City Opera: "I may have a project for you, but you have to write quickly."

A day later, the note writer, Michael Capasso, asked Campbell to collaborate on an opera commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, a turning point in the LGBTQ movement.

Campbell would have only a few weeks to complete a draft — warp speed in the world of opera.

"I said I absolutely am interested because I'm a gay man, I'm a gay man of a certain age and this subject matter appeals to me a lot," Campbell explained. "I also live in the West Village and I have frequented the bar many times — not back in the day when it happened. I'm not that old."

Campbell was a teenager back then. He teamed with the 38-year-old composer Iain Bell on "Stonewall," which premieres Friday at



This April 17, 2019 image provided by the New York City Opera shows singers from the opera "Stonewall" Liz Bouk, from left, Jordan Weatherston Pitts and Lisa Chavez.

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the Time Warner Center's Rose Theater in a five-performance run that ends June 28 — exactly a half-century after the events portrayed.

"We don't think that celebrating Stonewall needs to be a beer-soaked T-shirt, in-the-street celebration," Capasso said during rehearsals. "It could also be, let's get dressed up, let's go to the opera, let's do some-

thing else that's a little bit more elegant."

Opera Holland Park in London may present the production next year, and the staging also may travel to the Theatre des Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Campbell's work, which coincides with WorldPride NYC 2019, begins with polysyllabic profanity.

"I don't want to sanitize their language," Campbell said.

"It's New York."

Roles include Maggie, a butch lesbian; Andy, a white kid who was kicked out of his home and lives on the streets; Troy, a straight go-go boy and hustler who uses drugs; Maynard, a black clerk who goes by the name Renata at night; Carlos, a Dominican American teacher; Edward, a closeted financial adviser; Leah, a Jewish lesbian; Sar-

ah, a transgender hippie; and Sal, a Mafia-connected club manager.

"I think the most fun thing for me about this project was getting to have the opportunity to represent such a diverse cast of characters," Bell said. "We have such a glorious diversity of cast here, representative of the people who were at Stonewall that evening, and to have the chance to give these people musical life was utter joy."

Bell agreed to compose the opera after Capasso traveled to London and persuaded Bell over coffee at Fernandez & Wells in Mayfair. He composed the score after working on "Jack the Ripper: The Women of Whitechapel," which premiered in March at the English National Opera.

Action takes place in three parts over 75 minutes, first in many locations around New York, then at and outside the Stonewall Inn, and finally on Christopher Street before dawn. The composition is scored for 40 orchestra parts. A jukebox features "Today's The Day," about a wedding, and "Better Days Ahead," a sad song in the style of Shirley Bassey. □

Moscow's Pushkin Museum presents Modernist art treasures

By KATE DE PURY

MOSCOW (AP)

Iconic art works by Claude Monet, Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso went on show Wednesday in a major exhibition at Moscow's Pushkin Museum.

The treasures hail from the early 20th century collection of Russian businessman Sergei Shchukin, whose collection was confiscated and then divided up by the Soviet state.

The exhibition unites works from the Pushkin, Hermitage and other museums in what is arguably the most complete version of his collection, offering viewers the chance to see it as Shchukin himself conceived it.

The exhibition, 'Shchukin. Biography of a collec-

tion,' brings together works amassed by the Russian cloth magnate and his brothers on numerous trips they made to Paris before the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Shchukin showed his collection at his own home in Moscow, displaying works that were radically new at the time. He didn't care what public opinion thought and pursued pieces that even he sometimes found hard to appreciate, but which he thought were compelling and important. "Shchukin was prepared for a lack of understanding from society — this was total — not just his own business milieu but the art community, critics and excellent Russian artists, who did not accept Matisse or cubist Picasso," Pushkin Di-



Visitors look at painting by Paul Gauguin and Vincent van Gogh of the collections of Sergei Shchukin, one of the most prominent collections of European Modernist art at The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

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rector Marina Loshak told The Associated Press. "He did all this knowingly, he expected such reaction and he was delighted by it."

Loshak sees Shchukin as a pioneer who influenced

the course of 20th century art history.

He bought Gauguin, Matisse, the French Impressionists and Picasso when these artists were deeply unfashionable in Europe.

But the array of priceless masterpieces now hanging throughout the Pushkin, including Matisse's renowned 'Dance', is testament to his unique taste and personal conviction.

Shchukin "wanted to be first, to discover things first and show them to the world and to create a new history" Loshak said.

She described Shchukin as one of the great art collectors, in a Russian tradition which includes banker Pavel Tretyakov (whose Russian art collection fills Moscow's Tretyakov State Gallery).

"It's hard to find someone who collects contemporary art in this way, with such passion and making it their life's object, these kind of people are few, but they existed in Russia," Loshak said. □

Israeli frankincense farmer cashes in on rare honey

By ILAN BEN ZION

Associated Press

ALMOG, West Bank (AP)

— An Israeli farmer has cashed in by making exotic honey from a rare tree that produces frankincense — the resin once worth its weight in gold and venerated in the Bible. But the farm's location in a far-flung West Bank settlement has left a bitter taste in at least one investor's mouth.

Guy Erlich's Balm of Gilead Farm is home to 1,000 threatened *Boswellia sacra* — the perfume-producing desert shrub mentioned in the Bible. He hopes these and his cornucopia of other medicinal plants will yield remedies for human ills — and even the conflict with the Palestinians.

But the farm's West Bank address, 6 kilometers (4 miles) from the Dead Sea, could hinder his project to cultivate and study threatened desert plants. The Palestinians and the vast majority of the international community consider Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, along with their use of local natural resources, to be illegal.

Ehrlich rejected such criticism, saying his work is for the benefit of everyone.

"I focus on plants that few other people in the world cultivate. That's how I have a chance to succeed in the years to come," he said. "These are also very important plants, and if they're not cultivated they'll disappear."

Boswellia sacra is native to the deserts of northern Somalia, Yemen and Oman, and is threatened by overharvesting of its precious resin, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Mature *Boswellia* trees are scored to extract the resin, which hardens into lumps ranging from white to pale green in color. Top grade frankincense can sell for hundreds of dollars per kilogram (pound).

Most frankincense comes from trees tapped in the wild, rather than grown on plantations. The tree is not indigenous to the Levant, but its resin has been val-



In this Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 photo, Guy Erlich holds jar of Frankincense honey at his farm near Almog, an Israeli settlement in the Jordan Valley, in the West Bank.

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ued in the region for millennia as a highly prized aromatic used in medicine and rituals.

It was burned as part of religious ceremonies throughout the ancient Mediterranean world, and was one of the ingredients mentioned in the Bible for the incense sacrifice in the ancient Jewish Temples. It was famously given as a gift to the newborn Jesus by the Magi, and still plays a central role in Orthodox Chris-

tian church ceremonies. The alleys around Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where many Christians believe Jesus was crucified, entombed and resurrected, are redolent of the frankincense that vendors burn to entice pilgrims to buy chunks of the yellow resin.

While his *Boswellia* trees are still too young to produce frankincense, Erlich struck upon honey as a possible source of revenue for his

operation.

His first batch of single-source honey made from the desert plants' tiny flowers sold for \$1,000 a kilogram (nearly \$500 a pound).

The amber-hued, exceptionally sweet honey has earthy undertones and a slightly astringent finish. In less than a month, Erlich says he exhausted his initial four kilogram (9 pound) stock, selling most of it to customers in the United

States. "I've started a waiting list for orders," he said.

Yet politics always looms in the background. Erlich said a global, Palestinian-led effort to boycott settlement goods has taken a toll on his business, with a major American investor jumping ship a couple of years ago out of concern about the boycott threat.

The European Union, Israel's largest trading partner, does not allow settlement products to say "Made in Israel." While it does not ban them, it requires that produce, including honey, be accurately labeled.

Despite international anti-settlement sentiment, Erlich said he hopes to foster cooperation with his Palestinian neighbors and turn his farm into a research center for medicinal plants. He also is growing 10,000 *Commiphora gileadensis*, the fragrant biblical "Balm of Gilead" shrub and namesake of the farm.

"I would be very happy to one day see this as an international project," he said, the Palestinian city of Jericho behind him in the distance. "We're sitting at a triangle of borders: we have Palestine, we have Jordan, and we have Israel."

"If my plants can also serve as a catalyst to unite Israelis and Palestinians, and perhaps other neighbors around, then I am all for it," he added. Jericho's Palestinian governor, Majid Fityani, dismissed such a notion, saying the issue is political, not economic.

"Israeli settlements are the embodiment of the Israeli occupation of our land," Fityani said. "This settler has stolen Palestinian land and if he is honest he would have left our land and returned to his country, Israel." Erlich and others are starting to look to the *Boswellia*'s medicinal properties.

Besides aromatic compounds and the hallucinogen incensyl acetate, frankincense has an anti-inflammatory compound called boswellic acid, said Jason Eslamieh, an Arizona botanist and author of several publications about the plant. □



In this Sept. 17, 2018 photo, frankincense trees bloom on a farm, founded by Israeli Guy Erlich near Almog, an Israeli settlement and a kibbutz near the northwestern shores of the Dead Sea in the Jordan Valley, in the West Bank.

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